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3-point compromise plan proposed to Iraq, Iran

UN chief seeks US help to revive talks

GENEVA, Aug. 30, (Agencies): UN Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar, unable to get Iranian and Iraqi foreign ministers together for the fourth day running, sought US help today in putting life into stalled Gulf peace talks.

Foreign ministers met directly, with Perez de Cuellar in the mediator's chair, only briefly on the first two days and negotiations have remained deadlocked since.

There were only separate discussions in late afternoon and early evening today, the sixth day of talks, between UN legal experts with lower-level Iraqi and then Iranian officials. They discussed a three-point compromise plan.

Diplomats said the three-point plan was designed to give each side an immediate benefit while enabling the talks to move on to the other sections of 598.

They said the compromise plan specified the withdrawal of forces and a UN survey of what was necessary to clear rusting ships and mines from the disputed Shatt Al Arab which lies between the two countries at the head of the Gulf.

A third point related to

freedom of navigation in the Gulf, seeking to answer Iraqi complaints that since Iran was still claiming the right to inspect Iraqi ships it was not extending the ceasefire to the sea.

UN spokesman Francois Guiliani told reporters that there would be no "formal meeting" today.

"Maybe," Guiliani said about any such session tomorrow. "The agenda for tomorrow is open."

Perez de Cuellar, he said, was flying to Portugal on Thursday for a one-day official visit.

Guiliani said the stalled negotiations were reviewed with ambassadors of all five permanent Security Council members — Britain, China, France, Soviet Union and the United States.

Demands

Perez de Cuellar asked Washington in particular, however, to apply "pressure" on Baghdad to ease its position on the strategic Shatt Al Arab waterway, involved Western diplomats said.

"We are still trying to clear the first part of point one," Perez de Cuellar told reporters. "This (war) is a very difficult problem. You cannot expect to solve it in a

matter of three, four or five days."

The talks are based on UN Security Council Resolution 598, whose first point demands a ceasefire and then a withdrawal of forces.

A UN ceasefire took effect on Aug. 20 and is largely being respected after eight years of bitter conflict, but Iraq is pressing for an agreement by Iran not to stop its ships in the Gulf.

It also demands that the Shatt Al Arab waterway, its main outlet to the Gulf, should be cleared of trapped ships and war debris so it can benefit from the ceasefire at sea. Iran, with its long Gulf coast, is already shipping freely.

Reasserted

Iran views Iraqi insistence on clearing the Shatt as a bid to assert full sovereignty over it, which it firmly rejects.

The Shatt Al Arab, the confluence of the Tigris and Euphrates rivers, has become one of several problems in the talks and UN spokesman Francois Guiliani said technical experts were drafting proposals aimed at bridging the gap.

President Saddam Hussein tore up the 1975 Algiers Treaty giving Iran sovereignty over the

eastern half of the waterway before the war started.

Three Iraqi statements in the past two days have reasserted that it belongs wholly to Iraq, but Tehran says Iraq is bound by all agreements it signed.

"The Iraqi demand (for sovereignty) is tantamount to changing the law and would infringe international law by allowing a gain of territory from military operations," a senior Iranian delegate said.

The dispute is preventing the two sides from moving on to the question of withdrawal of troops, an exchange of prisoners-of-war and other issues.

Diplomats said both sides were aware of the grave consequences if the talks failed — the possibility of the resumption of a savage war that has already caused an estimated million casualties and devastated the two economies.

The secretary-general asked about resuming formal talks, said: "If they want it, if there is a reason to meet them at the same time, I will meet them."

He described the talks as "a triangle. They talk to me and I talk to the other side."

Iraqi Foreign Minister Tariq Aziz said at a press conference yesterday that it would be impos-

sible to advance to other points until Iran agreed that the ceasefire extended over all Gulf waters.

"It is a very difficult problem and it cannot be expected that this will be resolved in a few days," Perez de Cuellar said.

Earlier, Iranian Foreign Minister Ali Akbar Velayati ruled out granting any concessions that Iraq had failed to win in their eight-year-old war.

Unable

"That is their dream, but everybody knows they were unable to reach victory in the war they imposed on us eight years ago," he told the Associated Press in an interview.

"We don't think there is a deadlock, we do hope that the secretary-general can find a solution to these difficulties," Velayati said. He was prepared to stay on in Geneva "as long as the secretary-general is here and asks us to remain here," he added.

Iran claims Iraqi forces violated their week-old truce by killing an Iranian soldier and capturing hundreds of others as UN military observers looked on, according to documents released at the UN yesterday.



HH the Amir receiving Ramadan.

Amir gets Saddam's message

A SENIOR Iraqi envoy yesterday delivered a message from President Saddam Hussein to HH the Amir.

The message apparently dealt with Iraq's stand at the Geneva talks on a peace settlement to end the Gulf war.

The envoy, First Deputy Prime Minister Taha Yassin Ramadan, a member of Iraq's ruling Revolutionary Command Council, made a short visit to Kuwait yesterday and flew to Saudi Arabia to meet King Fahd.

The official Iraqi News Agency said the message to the Amir "deals with developments of the Iran-Iraq war and Iraq's adherence to a permanent and comprehensive peace."

Ramadan also held talks with Kuwait's Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister, Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmed, who last week visited Iraq as the head of a delegation representing a seven-man Arab committee entrusted with following up developments in the Gulf war.

The Arab League delegation to China included Iraq's Minister of State for Foreign Affairs, Saadoun Hamadi, who arrived in Paris yesterday for talks with senior French officials.

Before leaving Baghdad, Hamadi said he would inform French officials of Iraq's attitude and "endeavour to establish durable and comprehensive peace between Iraq and Iran according to the Security Council Resolution 598."

KD 100 fine for Civil ID violators

By Jamal Amin

FINES of KD 100 will be imposed on people who fail to register for the Civil Information System and obtain Civil ID cards, the director-general of the Public Authority for Civil Information said yesterday.

Faisal Al Shayeji said that fines will be imposed from the beginning of next year. He also said that each individual in a family may be fined for failing to register, but added that a compromise can be reached with the authority.

Violators will be served with a 15-day notice and a compromise must be struck within that time. Fines may be reduced to KD 20 per person if a compromise is reached, he said.

Notification

No compromise will be accepted if the violator does not comply with the notification within 15 days, he said.

He said registration for civil IDs officially ended a year and half ago, and those who have been residing in Kuwait since the beginning of 1985 till now, but have not applied for the civil ID are the violators.

With respect to new arrivals or newborn babies, the official said that they must apply for the ID within two weeks from obtaining the official residency.

Kuwait's population is estimated at 1.8 million and the authority has enrolled 1.5 people million in its information system.

The authority receives about 5,000 applications everyday, including those through the special post. Completed IDs are distributed through two centres in the Ribah Complex and the Ministry's Complex. A third centre in Farwaniya is also planned.

The authority also has a centre in Dahiya Abdulla Al Salem for distributing completed Civil IDs to residents of that and nearby areas. If successful, this small centre will form the basis for the establishment of many more centres in other areas, the official added.

Service

He described the special post service introduced by the authority last year for renewals of IDs as highly successful. At the facility's inception, renewals were completed in one month, but now renewals are finalised within 10 days. The authority is planning to further reduce this period. Al Shayeji denied that any applications had been lost in the post.

Al Shayeji also said the authority's information bank is one of the most important sections for storing important information about the population. All information is computerised and the authority is working with a number of ministries and public establishments to benefit from this information.

Several projects, including the new health registration scheme, are under way. The new system is based upon the Civil Information System and the Civil ID.

An agreement was recently signed with the Ministry of Planning to provide it with the latest demographic and statistical data to be used in developing the "Five-Year Plan."

The authority is also working with the Ministry of Interior regarding residences and fingerprints. All information with the authority is treated with the utmost confidence, Al Shayeji said.

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WEATHER

HUMID weather with light to moderate south-easterly to easterly wind.

State of sea: slight to moderate

High water: 2.00 am, 2.00 pm

Low water: 8.30 am, 9.00 pm

Sunrise: 5.24 am

Sunset: 6.11 pm

Maximum temperature recorded:

Kuwait: 40°C 104°F

Ahmad: 36°C 97°F

Falaka: 37°C 99°F

Minimum temperature recorded:

Kuwait: 28°C 82°F

Ahmad: 31°C 88°F

Falaka: 31°C 88°F

Maximum temperature expected:

Kuwait: 41°C 106°F

Ahmad: 37°C 99°F

Falaka: 37°C 99°F

Maximum humidity recorded:

Kuwait: 90 per cent

Ahmad: 86 per cent

Falaka: 95 per cent

Maximum humidity expected:

Kuwait: 90 per cent

Ahmad: 86 per cent

Falaka: 95 per cent

Israel raps UN chief for speaking of Palestine

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, Aug. 30, (Reuters): Israel rebuked UN Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar today for referring to the Israeli-occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip as "Palestine."

"This terminology is unacceptable to us," Foreign Ministry spokesman Alon Liel said in an official statement. Israel would make clear its objection through diplomatic channels to the UN chief, he said.

The future of these territories should be determined in negotiations with the relevant sides, as agreed (between Egypt, Israel and the United States in 1978) at Camp David," he said.

According to Israeli press reports, Perez de Cuellar spoke of "the situation in Palestine" at a Geneva news conference yesterday in reference to an eight-month-old Arab uprising against Israeli rule in the occupation zone.

Challenged about his terminology, he was quoted as referring to the 1947 UN Resolution 181 which called for the partition of British-administered Palestine into separate Jewish and Arab states.

Oil refinery blaze

NEW DELHI, Aug. 30, (Reuters): Two people were killed and five injured in a fire in one of India's biggest oil refineries today, an oil company spokesman said.

Arabs stage strike in occupied areas

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, Aug. 30, (Agencies): Israeli troops shot at least one Palestinian protester today as Arabs throughout the Israeli-occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip started a 48-hour general strike in sympathy with deported Palestinian activists.

Staff at Al Itihad hospital in Nablus, the West Bank's largest city, said they were treating two Arab men for gunshot wounds. They could not say if soldiers shot the men.

An Army spokeswoman said troops wounded one Arab protester with live fire and three with non-lethal ammunition when a mob hurled rocks and building blocks at an Army patrol in Nablus.

Unrest broke out in Nablus after the Army lifted a five-day curfew on the city. Elsewhere in the West Bank where curfews were lifted, the first day of the strike was passing without incident, security sources said.

Confined

In Gaza Strip, troops confined residents of the Jabalya and Al Bureij refugee camps to their homes and kept Nuseirat camp under curfew for the third full day, an Army spokesman said.

The spokesman said the curfews imposed last Thursday on over 100,000 residents of Nablus, the West Bank's largest Arab city, and a nearby Palestinian

Saudi ulemas sanction death for terrorists

RIYADH, Aug. 30, (AP): Saudi Arabia's Council of Ulemas, (Muslim theologians) have ruled that saboteurs and terrorists can be punished by execution.

After a four-day meeting in the Saudi summer resort city of Taif, the council issued the decision, distributed by the official Saudi Press Agency.

The council is the supreme authority on interpretation of Islamic juridical matters. The death sentence in Saudi Arabia means beheading by sword.

The lengthy statement referred to "saboteurs and those who spread corruption on earth" and specifically mentioned hijacking as well as acts of sabotage against oil installations.

The ulema statement said its decision was based "on a number of acts of sabotage which have cost the lives of many innocent people, caused damage to much properties and finances and public institutions in many Islamic and other countries, carried out by the poor of faith or those who lack it altogether."

"It has been noted that several such crimes have been committed in near and distant countries and since Saudi Arabia like others is subject to such acts of sabotage, the council of top ulemas saw it was necessary to endorse a deterrent punishment for those who commit such acts ... with the aim of spreading corruption and instability."

Drafted

Palestinian legal officials have drafted a plan for a 12-member government to be headed by Yasser Arafat, the Arab World weekly said in Beirut.

The independent newsletter, which reports on Arab opinion around the Middle East, quoted an official of the Marxist Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine (DFLP) in West Beirut for its report.

"No final decision has yet been taken on whether the projected team will be a provisional government or a government-in-exile, but there are indications that the PLO will opt for the provisional formula," the newsletter said.

Bangladesh flood situation deteriorates

Army called in to help marooned villagers

DHAKA, Aug. 30, (Agencies): The death toll in devastating Bangladesh floods soared to nearly 200 today and officials feared worse was to come.

About 70 people drowned or had been killed by snakes since last morning, they told reporters.

Alarming

The flooding, triggered by heavy monsoon rains over the last two weeks, has affected a quarter of Bangladesh's 105 million people, destroyed crops worth \$250 million and washed away 15,000 km of roads.

More than 100,000 villagers have taken refuge in crowded government camps across the country.

Troops have been called in to aid an estimated seven million people marooned in remote villages.

"The situation is already alarming but we fear the worst is still to come," a relief ministry official said.

"We are facing acute shortages of food, drinking water and other emergency supplies," said another official at Rajbari, 130 km (80 miles) north of Dhaka.

Hundreds of families fled their homes in Dhaka today as floods engulfed low-lying areas of the capital of six million people.

Virtually all rail and road links between Dhaka and the rest of the country have been cut and up to five feet (1.5 m) of water was reported in at least 20 major towns, the officials said.

Monsoon floods in June and July killed at least 160 people, mostly in eastern Bangladesh, and destroyed rice and jute crops worth \$450 million.

Dhaka weather men said today the current floods could exceed all previous records, with water deluging the Bangladesh plains from hill areas in north-eastern India.

Deaths

They also predicted more rain over the next few days.

Newspapers reported the floods have claimed at least 522 lives since June, when the annual southwest monsoon hits. The government admits only 182 deaths.

The government statement said the floods washed away at least 500,000 houses, 1,200 kilometres (745 miles) of roads and 510 bridges. Crops on at least 369,000 hectares (911,430 acres) of land had been totally destroyed, it said. At least 8,000 cattle were lost.

The floods follow heavy monsoon rains in Bangladesh and neighbouring India this month. The Brahmaputra and Ganges rivers flowing from India through Bangladesh to the Bay of Bengal have burst their banks.

At least 3 million people have

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Soviets warned Pakistan in private before Zia's death

WASHINGTON, Aug. 30, (AP): On two occasions before Pakistan's President Mohammad Zia-ul-Haq died in a mysterious plane crash, senior Soviet diplomats issued private warnings that action might be taken against Pakistan if it continued support for the Afghan resistance, a US official has said.

Crash

Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister Yuri Vorontsov delivered "what was interpreted as a threat" during a meeting with US Ambassador Jack Matlock several days before the crash of the C-130 plane that claimed the life of Zia and 29 others on Aug 17, the US official said.

A similar warning was issued to Pakistan's ambassador to Moscow but the US official, insisting on anonymity, was uncertain of the identity of the Soviet

diplomat who spoke to the envoy.

Days before the crash, the Kremlin issued a statement saying that Pakistan's backing for the rebels could "not be further tolerated."

Also killed in the crash was the US Ambassador to Pakistan, Arnold Raphel, and a number of senior Pakistani military officers. The plane went down about 330 miles (530 kilometres) south of Islamabad.

Targeted

The Soviets have denied responsibility for the crash and also rejected allegations by Zia last November that Moscow was behind a wave of terrorist bombings that have occurred in Pakistan for more than a year.

A US State Department report last week attributed the incidents to the Afghan Ministry of State Security which, it said, maintains close ties with the Soviet KGB.

The report said Afghan agents carried out 127 attacks last year, about two thirds of all state-sponsored terrorist incidents worldwide.

US officials have acknowledged that if the Soviets had targeted Zia for assassination, they almost certainly would have kept the operation secret and not alluded to that possibility in their contacts with US and Pakistani officials.

For this reason, the officials said, they are drawing no conclusions about who or what was responsible for the crash.

They also noted that Zia had acquired many enemies during his 11-year rule, which was marked by repeated crackdowns on domestic political opponents, including public floggings and imprisonment under harsh conditions.

US, Iran exchanged secret messages

NEW YORK, Aug. 30, (AP): The United States and Iran exchanged more than 15 secret messages last spring regarding the re-establishment of relations and other subjects, according to a report being published this week. Iranian Deputy Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Larjani, interviewed by the New Yorker magazine in mid-June, said the messages were exchanged over the previous two months. His remarks appear in the magazine's Sept 5 issue.

"It is our understanding that the United States wants to keep them confidential, and we honour that," Larjani said of the messages between the two countries. However, he added, "the messages deal with potential for relations and with the whole region."

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INTERNATIONAL

Rumours rife in Rangoon

Burmese Army may intervene

BANGKOK, Aug 30, (Agencies): As Burma's people power uprising searches for direction, chances increase that the 170,000-man Army will try to reassert itself as the country's most powerful political force, Rangoon-based diplomats said today.

Rumours have been rife in the Burmese capital that the Army might stage a coup or intervene politically in some other way.

"We have from pretty good sources that the military is currently considering its options and all of these involve military intervention in one form or another," a Western diplomat said.

Acting and retired officers loyal to former General Ne Win have run Burma since the coup that brought him to power in

1962.

Diplomats said that if the Army stepped in it would probably cite the breakdown in law and order accompanying the stand-off between the retreating Burma Socialist Programme Party (BSPP) and the mass opposition.

They said one possibility was an Army takeover, in consultation with the BSPP leadership, to allow the party to go ahead with its proposed timetable for political reform, including an emergency congress on Sept 12 and a referendum on opening up the country to multi-party rule.

Another was a total Army takeover and scrapping the BSPP.

Burma has been effectively leaderless for a month since first Ne Win and then his immediate successor, Sein Lwin, stepped down in face of a mounting

repression.

Central BSPP administration has collapsed in parts of the country with committees of civilians, Buddhist monks and students trying to maintain security and order.

Diplomats said they would not rule out at least part of the Army siding with the people if senior officers split over whether to support the people.

Paralysed

Low-ranking soldiers, who for 40 years have been mostly engaged fighting more than a dozen ethnic minority rebellions along Burma's borders, fraternised with protesters in Rangoon and elsewhere at the height of the uprising.

Rangoon is almost paralysed by strikes and food and fuel are in short supply as demonstrations

continued today.

The military, who had opened fire on protesters in an attempt to quell the unrest, has retreated to defend key government departments and leaders' homes and avoided challenging the opposition.

Appealed

Old soldiers dominate the hierarchy of the BSPP that is clinging to power. Diplomats believe Ne Win retains power behind the new party chief, Maung Maung, the only civilian in the highest party ranks, and that he has continued support from the Army.

The government appealed to Buddhist monks and the public today to help end a railway strike that has paralyzed transportation for five days throughout Burma.

Pre-marital sex an old American affair

NEW YORK, Aug 30, (UPI): Pre-Victorian Americans believed sexual abstinence was harmful to their health and often engaged in pre-marital sex during courtship, American Heritage magazine reports in its issue released today.

The Victorian veneer of a straitlaced, prudish society was laid on only in the mid-1800s, when men were told sex was a risky "animal lust" and women were encouraged to forego "carnal passion" as beneath their proper role as mothers and homemakers, historian Jack Larkin wrote in an article.

"Early 19th century Americans were more licentious than we ordinarily imagine them to be," he said. "For many couples sexual relations were part of a serious courtship."

Records into the late 1700s show premarital sex was widely accepted and "pregnancy was frequently the prelude to marriage," Larkin said. "Nearly one-third of rural New England's brides were already with child."

Pregnancies

"Pregnancies usually simply accelerated a marriage that would have taken place in any case," he said. "Most rural communities simply accepted the 'early' pregnancies that marked so many marriages."

Unwed mothers customarily were interrogated during labour about the father—not out of concern over immorality, but to force the father to support a child "born a bastard and chargeable to the town," he wrote, quoting a document of the era.

"In the 1820s, almost all Americans would have subscribed to the commonplace notion that sex, within proper social confines, was enjoyable and healthy, and that prolonged sexual abstinence could be injurious to health," Larkin said. "They also would have assumed that women had powerful sexual drives."



Bangladeshi President Hussein Muhammad Ershad consoles a young girl when he visited flood-ravaged Gaibandha town. (Reuter wirephoto)

US warship collides with coal freighter

NORFOLK, Virginia, Aug 30, (UPI): The nuclear-powered aircraft carrier USS Eisenhower, with 1,000 sailors lining the flight deck looking for their first glimpse of land in days, ran into a Spanish coal freighter off the Virginia coast yesterday.

Damage was minimal and no injuries were reported, the Navy said. One official called it a "maritime fender bender."

The Eisenhower, returning from a six-month deployment in the Mediterranean with about 5,500 crewmembers, hit the Urduiz, while the freighter was anchored west of the Hampton roads bridge-tunnel in the Elizabeth River channel.

"We're extremely upset that it happened," said Lieut. Frank Thorp, a spokesman for the carrier. "The first thing you heard was the collision alarm. After the collision alarm stopped, the word came over the loud

speaker system to man all repair stations."

He said the order was precautionary and turned out to be unnecessary. Crew members secured items jarred loose and assessed what damage there was. "There was no fire on the

Factor

Eisenhower, no flooding... and no one was hurt on the ship," Thorp said.

The Navy would not confirm crew accounts that the collision occurred while the carrier was navigating between a submarine and the freighter.

"That may very well be a factor, as it turns out," Thorp said. The weather was poor at the time, with rain, 17 to 28 MPH winds, 4-to-6 foot waves and visibility of less than two miles, but the Navy would not say for certain if the weather was a factor.

Polish government ready to hold talks with Walesa

WARSAW, Aug 30, (Reuters): The Polish government said today it was ready to include solidarity leader Lech Walesa in talks on Poland's future as soon as he left a strike-bound Gdansk shipyard and the strike was called off.

"The ending of the strike by Lech Walesa and the (Lenin) shipyard would automatically mean convening round-table talks," government spokesman Jerzy Urban said.

Proposal

Walesa's presence at the talks would indicate that he represented a mass movement, Urban added. The authorities have dismissed him as a non-person since they outlawed the Solidarity free trade union in 1982.

Round-table talks with the opposition were proposed last Friday by Interior Minister General Czeslaw Kiszczak. The

proposal was approved at the weekend by the Communist Party's policy-making Central Committee.

"One may expect that Lech Walesa will be among those sitting down to the round-table," Urban said in reply to a question at his weekly news conference.

Kiszczak said the talks would be without pre-conditions. Participants could include all sides except for those who "rejected the constitutional order of Poland," he said.

Urban's announcement came at the start of the third week of Poland's worst wave of labour unrest since communist leader General Wojciech Jaruzelski imposed martial law in 1981 in a bid to crush Solidarity.

"It is a matter of reaching an agreement amid the conditions of a subsiding in a manner that would offend no one," Urban

said. "A discussion on ways of solving Polish problems will be in my opinion a common victory."

The strike wave that erupted on Aug 15 has hit Poland's currency-earning coal output and halted work at two major ports — Gdansk and Szczecin.

Strikes have subsided in the past week but stoppages are still under way at one coalmine, a southern steel mill, a Szczecin bus depot and three Gdansk shipyards.

Walesa told journalists yesterday he was ready to join talks with the authorities unconditionally as soon as they indicated readiness to discuss recognising solidarity.

Asked whether this could be discussed at the round-table Urban said there were no pre-conditions and the agenda would be open.

Jackson to quit live shows

TOKYO, Aug 30, (Reuters): Rock superstar Michael Jackson plans to quit live stage performances after a current mammoth concert tour, his manager Frank Dileo said today.

"Michael Jackson does not want to do concerts again, of any size," Dileo said in a telephone interview.

He said the singer had been exhausted by the world tour, which began in Japan last September and will end back in Tokyo in December, and wanted to devote his time to making films.

"This will be our last tour. We wanted to make it the best and the biggest, and we did it," said Dileo.

The latest of Jackson's series of concerts, which has attracted audiences totalling 4.5 million, was in London on Aug 27. He is scheduled to perform nine concerts in Tokyo between Dec 9 and 26.

The superstar is the record industry's prime money-maker. His album "Thriller" grossed about \$220 million, several times the amount taken by bestsellers from other stars such as Bruce Springsteen, Prince and Madonna.

Jackson started out as a child star in a group with other members of his family, who were signed to the Motown recording label.

Soviets plan new Mideast peace bid

TEL AVIV, Aug 30, (Reuters): The Soviet Union has told Israel it plans to launch a new initiative for Middle East peace in the coming weeks, a senior Israeli official said today.

Nimrod Novik, an advisor to Foreign Minister Shimon Peres, told Israel Radio he learned of Moscow's intentions at a weekend meeting in Paris with Genady Terasov, deputy head of the Soviet Foreign Ministry's Middle East department.

"He told me enthusiastically and without prompting that the USSR intends to conduct, not in the coming months but in the coming weeks, a very, very determined political initiative in our region," Novik said.

The Israeli official told the Jerusalem Post newspaper Moscow believed conditions were

ripe for serious progress in the peace process because world attention was focussed on the area.

The Soviet initiative, about which Novik gave few details, will centre on a long-proposed international Middle East peace conference, Novik said. US and Soviet differences on the powers of such a conference have recently narrowed, he said.

Novik also said Moscow believed the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) might be on the verge of major policy changes towards Israel that would signal an end to its call for the destruction of the Jewish state.

Several top PLO leaders hinted in recent weeks at their movement's impending readiness to recognise Israel's existence.

PLO hails US decision

UNITED NATIONS, Aug 30, (Reuters): The Palestine Liberation Organisation hailed as "a great victory" yesterday's decision by the US Justice Department not to appeal against a court ruling that allows its UN mission to continue to function.

"This is a great victory for international law, the United Nations, the struggle of the Palestine people, the Palestine Liberation Organisation and the

glorious uprising of the Palestinian people in the occupied territories," said Riyad Mansour, the PLO's deputy UN observer.

"We are happy that, after almost one year, the US administration is going to honour its international commitment under the (UN) headquarters agreement, which is something that the international community was demanding from the US administration," he added.

Army called in to help marooned ...

(Continued from Page 1) been marooned in the Indian state of Bihar along the banks of the Ganges, the United News of India said. Crops worth Rs 100 million (\$12.3 million) were destroyed by the waters, the news agency said. Eight people died in Bihar.

The Army was deployed to rescue stranded people in the Brahmaputra valley in Assam state, it said.

At least 50 people have died in floods sweeping the northeastern Indian state of Assam which borders Bangladesh, the Press Trust of India said.

Ten days of almost constant rain have swamped airfields, preventing relief supplies from being dropped to the 600,000 people affected by the floods.

Road and rail links have also been cut, the news agency said.

Libya may mediate between PLO factions

TRIPOLI, Aug 30, (Reuters): Libya may attempt to mediate between PLO leader Yasser Arafat and his Palestinian opponents gathered in Tripoli, Arab diplomats said today.

Efforts to heal rifts between the PLO chairman and radical Palestinian factions opposed to his leadership may take place during festivities to mark the 19th anniversary of the Libyan revolution, they said.

Arafat arrived today and told the Libyan news agency JANA his visit "will help to achieve Palestinian national unity on a firm basis and strengthen the popular revolution" in the Israeli-occupied territories.

Radical Palestinian leaders Ahmed Jibril, secretary-general of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (General Command), and Abu Mousa, head of a splinter group of Arafat's mainstream Fatah group, arrived earlier this week and held talks with Libyan officials.

Formation

Palestinian leaders have been discussing calls for a declaration of independence in the occupied territories, scene of a nine-month old uprising against Israeli rule, and the formation of a government-in-exile since Jordan's King Hussein dropped claims to the West Bank last month.

But radical factions including those led by Jibril and Mousa are opposed to such measures, which they fear would lead to a peace agreement with Israel and abandonment of Palestinian claims to all of what is now Israel.

JANA said George Habash, secretary-general of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP), Nayef Hawatmeh, secretary-general of the Popular Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine, and Sulaiman Najaab, head of the Palestine Communist Party, also arrived today.

How to make a million

LOS ANGELES, Aug 30, (Reuters): A so-called "telephone bandit" was alleged yesterday to have robbed call boxes of nearly \$1 million in coins.

James Clark, 48, a fugitive since an arrest warrant was issued at Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, in November 1983, was arrested by FBI agents in Los Angeles during the weekend. A federal magistrate has ordered that he be held without bail.

Clark is charged with receiving stolen property, a device which allowed him to empty telephone boxes of nearly one million dollars, US assistant prosecutor Alice Hall said.

A spokesman for the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Fred Reagan, said telephone coin boxes cannot hold more than \$200. "Clark may not be Jack the Ripper, but he is alleged to be a one-of-a-kind thief," Reagan said.

Clark was twice featured on "America's Most Wanted," a television programme dealing with fugitives.

Blast on Khyber Mail kills three

ISLAMABAD, Aug 30, (Reuters): A bomb blast in the luggage van of the Khyber Mail train killed three Pakistanis and injured 13 near Islamabad today, a local official said.

More than 250 people have been killed in the last 18 months in bomb attacks blamed by Pakistani officials on secret agents of the Soviet-backed Afghan government. Kabul has denied responsibility.

The bomb exploded after the train left Attock, half-way between Islamabad and the north-western city of Peshawar.

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Rev. John Brown (left) and British Ambassador Alan John Ramsay (centre) met Lebanon's Mufti Sheikh Hassan Khaled in West Beirut yesterday. (Reuters wirephoto)

Intelligence chief sacked for attack on Seoul editor

SEOUL, Aug. 30. (Reuters): South Korea dismissed its Army intelligence chief and charged two generals in connection with an attack on a journalist who criticised the military, the Defence Ministry said today.

A four-man military squad led by a major was arrested last week for a knife attack on Oh Hong-Keun, city editor of the Joong-gang Economic Daily, who wrote an article citing the Army as the source of many national problems.

A ministry spokesman said Major-General Lee Jin-Baek, head of Army intelligence, had been sacked for failing to control his men.

Brigadier-General Lee Kyu-Hong had been charged with ordering the assault and Brigadier-General Kwon Ki-Dae with trying to cover it up, he said.

Oh was stabbed in the leg in the Aug 6 attack.

A ministry statement apologised for the "imprudent acts by a small number of soldiers."

"We believe this incident... greatly disappointed the people. The military will devote itself heart and soul to the duty of safeguarding the people and their properties," the statement said.

The attack has become a major political issue in the run-up to next month's Seoul Olympic Games. Some opposition parties have delayed signing a political truce with the government until the case is settled.

Newspapers said during the weekend that Defence Minister Oh Ja-Bok would submit his resignation after the investigation into the case was over.

Meanwhile, opposition leaders called today for the resignation of a conservative cabinet minister, accusing him of suggesting that the government should crack down on political dissent.

Takeshita returns from China tour

TOKYO, Aug. 30. (AP): Prime Minister Noboru Takeshita returned home today from a six-day visit to China highlighted by the signing of an investment protection agreement and the announcement of new Japanese loans for Chinese development projects.

The investment accord, which guarantees Japanese investors the same treatment and rights as those enjoyed by Chinese, is aimed at increasing the number of Japanese participating in joint ventures and wholly owned businesses in China.

During the visit, his first to China since taking office last November, Takeshita also announced Japan will provide \$50 billion yen (\$6.4 billion) in government credit and soft loans for some 40 infrastructure projects in the 1990-95 period.

The Japanese Prime Minister met China's top leaders, including Deng Xiaoping, Premier Li Deng and Communist Party head Zhao Ziyang, for talks that emphasised a "new era" of good relations between the two Asian neighbours.

Takeshita concluded his visit with trips to the famed Buddhist sculptures in the grottoes of Dunhuang in western China.

Efforts renewed for hostages' release

BEIRUT, Aug. 30. (AP): A Church of England Bishop John Brown met with Grand Mufti Sheikh Hassan Khaled, spiritual leader of Lebanon's Sunni Muslims, today in his effort to free foreign hostages, including several Britons, held by extremists.

John Brown, Bishop of the Gulf and Cyprus, arrived in East Beirut Sunday to seek word on the fate of four missing Iranians. He was in Tehran earlier.

Iranian leaders have said they will use their influence with Shiite Muslims holding hostages in Lebanon to free their captives if the Church of England helps find out what happened to the Iranians who disappeared in Christian territory six years ago.

Brown, who is based in Cyprus, said he was "very optimistic" about the progress of his discussions in Beirut.

"It's just a feeling, but we're optimistic," he told reporters after his 45-minute meeting with Sheikh Hassan.

He declined to give details of the meeting, saying it was a courtesy visit.

"I'm really not into the political side of it at all," he said.

Four Britons are missing in Lebanon, along with nine Americans, an Indian, an Italian, a West German and two unidentified foreigners.

It was Brown's second visit to Lebanon in a month as representative of Archbishop of Canterbury Robert Runcie, primate of the Church of England.

The Iranians disappeared while driving in the Christian heartland north of Beirut after the Israeli Army invaded Lebanon in June 1982.

They were presumed to have been kidnapped, but no one has claimed to have seized them. There have been unconfirmed reports they were killed.

Brown was asked if Iran would keep its promise to help free the Western hostages if he received confirmation that the Iranian hostages are dead.

He said: "I simply don't know what effect it will have on the government because I'm not a government man. I'm a churchman."

The missing Iranians are Revolutionary Guards commander Ahmad Motevaselian, charge d'affaires Mohsen Musavi and Kazem Akhavan, a correspondent for Iran's official Islamic Republic News Agency.

Khaddafi raps his revolutionary committee

TRIPOLI, Aug. 30. (Reuters): Libyan leader Muammar Khaddafi has accused his own revolutionary committees of murdering political opponents.

Addressing a rally of committee members from around Libya last night, he said some people had infiltrated the movement and liquidated political opponents.

"The masses have come to hate the revolutionary committees," he said in a speech carried live by radio and television.

"Some people infiltrated them... and physically liquidated some elements who were proved to have deviated from the committees," he said.

"Terrorism, if it arises, must be terrorism of the masses and not individual or committee terrorism," he added.

Khaddafi formed the committees in 1977 to defend and lead his revolution, a unique blend of populist socialism and Islam.

Thousands of youths enlisted as members of the committees which had sweeping security and intelligence functions.

Restrictions Khaddafi ordered the committees to restrict their operations in future to neighbourhood "people's congresses" and indicated their days were numbered.

"We want the next phase to be one in which the masses themselves not the revolutionary committees confront the enemies," he said.

The committees would disappear totally when they were no longer needed to guide the masses, he added.

Diplomats said public discontent had risen last year because of harassment by the committees, economic austerity, and an unpopular war with southern neighbour Chad.

Libya's General People's Congress (GPC) or parliament passed a human rights charter in June guaranteeing freedom of expression and denouncing the use of violence.

In what diplomats said was a move to shore up popular support, Khaddafi in March bulldozed a prison and freed its inmates, some of whom were believed to be political prisoners.

Kabul forces unable to hold Kunduz

Soviet troops return to Afghan city

WASHINGTON, Aug. 30. (Reuters): Soviet forces have returned to the north Afghan city of Kunduz after pulling out two weeks ago in the general withdrawal of Soviet forces from that country, the Washington Post said yesterday.

In a report from Islamabad, it quoted Western diplomats as saying the Soviet forces were apparently ordered back to Kunduz in the past three days by officials in Moscow who were embarrassed by the city's temporary fall to rebels.

Afghan resistance forces took the city soon after Soviet troops left on Aug 13 but were forced to give it up after fierce artillery and bombing attacks.

The newspaper quoted a senior diplomat based in Islamabad as saying the return of Soviet forces to the city showed that Soviet-backed Afghan government forces were unable to hold the city by themselves.

Violation It quoted US officials as saying the Soviet move did not violate the Geneva accord calling for removal of half the Soviet forces from Afghanistan by Aug 15 and the rest by next Feb 15.

But US officials said bombing raids from inside the Soviet Union against rebel positions in Kunduz did appear to violate the accord, the newspaper said.

Afghan Prime Minister Mohammad Hassan Sharq urged the United States and Pakistan to support an Afghan coalition government that would include

mujahideen and pro-Soviet Afghan leaders, The New York Times said today.

Sharq was also quoted by the paper as saying that the death of Pakistan's President Mohammad Zia-ul-Haq offered opportunities for "negotiation and reconciliation" with "our Muslim brothers in Pakistan."

He called on the United States and Pakistan, both of which support the Afghan guerrillas, to "pave the ground for negotiations and stop the war in this country."

"The situation will improve if those who put weapons at the disposal of the opposition advise them to sit at the negotiating table and seek reconciliation," he was quoted as saying in an interview with the newspaper.

"We are in favour of a government supported by the people. We are not struggling for the government to remain in power. We want to negotiate and find ways for a settlement."

"If we find no solution, then we can fight," he added.

Sharq, who was named to his post three months ago, told the paper that bringing many rebel organisations as well as "moderates" into the Soviet-backed government was essential to ending the war.

He said talks were being held with guerrilla commanders in Afghanistan even though other rebel leaders based in Pakistan have rejected Kabul's power-sharing overtures.

Meanwhile, Afghan President Najibullah said on Sunday that

his government was strong and stable and would quickly establish peace in the country once "intervention from abroad" ceased, the Soviet news agency Tass reported.

"One can say with confidence that the government of the Republic of Afghanistan holds power firmly now and, moreover, is the most stable and strong government in the entire history of Afghanistan," Najibullah told the Afghan parliament.

"Once interference from abroad is ceased according to the Geneva agreements, peace in our country can be established within the shortest time frame," he said.

Afghanistan and Pakistan signed an agreement in April providing for the withdrawal by February next year of more than 100,000 Soviet troops who entered the country in December 1979.

Charge Under the terms of the accord, half the Soviet troops were pulled out by Aug 15.

Najibullah said the rest were deployed along the main transport routes between Kabul and the Soviet border at Hayratan and Herat and Kushka in the west.

The Soviet and Afghan governments have repeatedly accused Pakistan of violating the Geneva accord by continuing to supply arms to the rebels. Najibullah said weapons and ammunition were flowing in large quantities to Afghanistan.

Car bomb kills one in Bekaa

BEIRUT, Aug. 30. (UPI): A car bomb blew up in Syrian-held eastern Lebanon today killing at least one person and wounding five, in the latest of a spate of attacks apparently aimed against the 12-year-old Syrian military presence in war-torn Lebanon, police said.

They said the car laden with explosives and flammable liquid was parked at a bank entrance when it exploded shortly after mid-day in the town of Chitaura in the Bekaa Valley, 35 km east of Beirut.

Syrian troops manning several roadblocks in Chitaura sealed off the scene of the blast and started interrogating people who were present at the time of the explosion.

Police said the blast wrecked four cars and shattered windows of the bank and shops in the centre of this market town located on a main highway between Beirut and Damascus.

The blast was the second in the Bekaa, and the 12th in Lebanon this year. The deadliest was in the Syrian-controlled northern port of Tripoli April 23 in which 80 people were killed.

At least 108 people, including more than 10 Syrian troops, have been killed in car-bomb explosions this year.

Christian militiamen and underground fundamentalist factions have vowed to combat the Syrian presence on Lebanese territory.

Morocco, Polisario accept UN plan for Sahara peace

GENEVA, Aug. 30. (Reuters): Morocco and Polisario Front guerrillas have accepted a United Nations plan to end 12 years of fighting over the Western Sahara. UN spokesman Francois Giuliani said today.

The UN plan calls for a ceasefire to be followed by a referendum offering the people of the desert territory a choice between independence and integration with Morocco.

Giuliani told reporters Morocco and the Algerian-backed Polisario Movement had accepted proposals put forward by United Nations Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar on Aug 11.

Giuliani was speaking shortly after Perez de Cuellar met separately with Moroccan Foreign Minister Abdellatif Filali and Bechir Mustafa, a member of the Polisario's executive committee in charge of

external relations. The United Nations spokesman said implementation of the plan could start before the end of the year.

No date has been set for a ceasefire, and the precise contents of the peace plan have not been made public.

After meeting Perez de Cuellar, Mustafa said the Polisario still wanted a large number of the Moroccan troops stationed in the Western Sahara to be removed before the planned referendum.

Difficult He said another difficulty would be the presence of a Moroccan civilian administration in the territory while the referendum was held. Morocco, which annexed the territory when Spain withdrew from the desert colony in 1975, has about 150,000 troops there. Filali told reporters after his

own meeting with Perez de Cuellar that Morocco's military presence was not an issue, since it was confined to a series of six defensive walls which Morocco had built to prevent Polisario infiltrations.

Mustafa said the Polisario had accepted the way that the question of independence or integration into Morocco would be put to voters in the referendum.

Perez de Cuellar told the Moroccan and Polisario representative that he would refer the conditional acceptance of the peace plan to the Security Council, Giuliani told reporters later.

It will then be necessary to discuss and decide on all "political and military aspects," Giuliani said.

Perez de Cuellar, he said, hopes that the ceasefire and other initial elements "can be in place by the end of this year."

Crime rate rises sharply in China

BEIJING, Aug. 30. (UPI): China's top police official reported today a dramatic rise in major crimes this year and acknowledged law enforcement agencies have also been unable to halt a nation-wide wave of gambling, prostitution and pornography.

Public Security Minister Wang Fang went as far as to warn against "decadent bourgeois ideology," a catchphrase for capitalist and foreign cultural influences rarely heard at present under the country's "open-door" and economic reform policies.

Those policies, accompanied by a general loosening of legal and political restrictions, have been blamed for an overall upswing in social problems.

Wang's comments, carried by the Xinhua news agency, came in a report to an ongoing meeting of the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress, China's nominal parliament.

"Major criminal cases are increasing," Wang said, noting that while China's overall crime rate was stable, major crimes soared 34.8 percent in the first half of this year over the same period in 1987. Most of the rise in offenses involved theft, he said.

"Gambling, prostitution, publication of obscene articles and other ugly social phenomena are difficult to stop," Wang acknowledged.

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US looks forward to normalising ties with Iran

THE United States stands ready to normalise relations with Iran, US Ambassador to Kuwait, W. Nathaniel Howell, told a local daily yesterday.

"When Iran is ready we will look forward towards further normal relations," he said.

The ambassador said that the US presence in the Gulf was expanded to face threats to shipping and America will maintain its naval forces in the Gulf to confront any threats and protect US ships.

The ambassador also expressed hope that the Iraq-Iran ceasefire resolution and the beginning of negotiations between the two countries will help achieve peace.

Howell was interviewed last Saturday just before the signing

of the F-18 warplanes deal between Kuwait and the US. Information on the deal will be released shortly, Howell said.

Commenting on the Palestinian crisis and the popular uprising in the West Bank and Gaza Strip, the ambassador said that while everyone wants to ensure the rights of the Palestinian people, the uprising is not the answer. The uprising should become a political operation, something which US Secretary of State George Shultz is trying to make possible, Howell said.

He added that President Reagan's initiative of 1982 is the best answer for the Middle East crisis.

Howell said that when the PLO is ready to accept UN Resolution 242, then the US may

negotiate with the organisation.

"Although King Hussein of Jordan's decision to sever legal and administrative links between the West Bank and Jordan, there will be no solution without Jordanian participation, the ambassador said.

Relations

Howell described his country's relations with Kuwait as good, and said the visit by HH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah to Washington last month was successful.

Howell also said that the United States has historical relations with Kuwait in culture, finance, oil, and foreign policy.

He added that his government has always supported Kuwait's independence and security.



HH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah (right) in conversation with Othman Al Mirghani (second right) during a tea party held in honour of Al Mirghani.

Al Sane holds talks with Soviet military chief

MOSCOW, Aug 30, (KUNA): Kuwait's Army Chief-of-Staff Major General Mezyed Al Sane today met with his Soviet counterpart, Marshal Sergei Akhromeyev.

The official Tass News Agency reported that the military chiefs examined bilateral links and the current situation in the Arabian Gulf region.

Further details of the talks were not given.

Al Sane is leading a high-ranking military delegation to discuss ways of upgrading military co-operation between the two countries.

The Kuwaitis are also expected to familiarise themselves with latest Soviet weaponry.

Following the talks, Kuwaiti officials who arrived here yesterday on a six-day visit, are scheduled to visit Red Square where Al Sane will place a wreath at the statue of the unknown soldier and then tour the Kremlin.

Sheikh Nawaf receives three new envoys

MINISTER of Defence, Sheikh Nawaf Al Ahmed yesterday received three Kuwaiti designate ambassadors who will assume their new posts abroad.

The three designate ambassadors are Abdulaziz Al Shakhri, to Japan, Ahmed Al Ibrahim, to Belgium, and Fouzi Al Jassam, to the People's Democratic Republic of Yemen.

Later, the three ambassadors visited State Minister for Service Affairs Issa Al Mazidi, who discussed with them enhancing bilateral cooperation between Kuwait and the three countries.

Parents urged to investigate academic calibre of universities

IBRAHIM Mahdi, acting director of the scholarships department at the Ministry of Education, has urged parents who would like their children to study in the US to fully investigate the academic calibre of the universities the children want to attend.

In an interview with a local daily, Mahdi said that his department and the Kuwait Cultural Office in Washington are willing to assist parents in this respect.

Discussing the Ministry's experiment in what he called the "USA educational market," Mahdi said that it has been noted that many US universities were set up on a commercial basis and some are good, and others are clearly not so good.

He also advised students to attend universities which have been recognised by relevant American authorities.

Drop in prices of fresh fish predicted

By Lima Al Khalafawi

THE head of the Kuwaiti Fishermen's Union, Abdulaziz Bourashid, has predicted a drop in the prices of local fresh fish now that the ceasefire in the Iraq-Iran war has been imposed.

The quantity of local fish was reduced during the war because fishing was forbidden in many areas beyond territorial waters. Before the war, the catch on each boat was worth KD 500, but this amount fell to a mere KD40 during the war.

The ban on shrimp fishing will be lifted next month and will continue until April, Bourashid expects a good supply this season.

Stall-holders at the Shuwaikh retail fish market are optimistic about future activity there. One vendor said that business should be back to normal in the next few months — depending on local

supply — and the heavy dependence on imported fish will be reduced. Another vendor was confident that prices will come down and expected good business in early September, when the ban on shrimp fishing is lifted.

Blamed

Meanwhile, Bourashid complained about the high cost of fishing equipment and blamed local agents and importers of marine equipment for the high prices.

He said the union paid around KD 100,000 a month to service and maintain every 1,000 boats. He praised the government's efforts in establishing the union and called for its help in finding a permanent supplier whose services were less expensive.

Additionally, Bourashid disclosed that the capture of fishermen by Iraqis during the war is prompting serious consideration of life insurance for fishermen.

Saudi girl eats nails to avoid marriage

RIYADH, Aug 30, (Reuters): A Saudi Arabian teenager girl tried to kill herself by eating nails and stones rather than agree to marry a 70-year-old, the Saudi Gazette reported today.

Dr Samira Sadeq of Khami Mushayt Hospital in southern Saudi Arabia said the girl had tried to commit suicide several times rather than submit to her father's demand that she marry the old man.

The doctor removed the nails and stones from her stomach without surgery by feeding her a diet of bread and bananas, the newspaper reported.

Arab plan to fight AIDS

DR RASHED Al Uwais, director of the Department of Public Health, has said that Arab states are developing a plan to fight AIDS.

The policy will be based on international guidelines set by the World Health Organisation (WHO) and the recommendations of the Kuwait conference on AIDS.

Al Uwais added that the strategy will also be influenced by reports of national committees in Arab countries and the scientific and social developments surrounding the disease.

He pointed out that Arab states will not deal with AIDS patients in the same way as Western countries do, because of different social values and traditions.

The national AIDS committee, which includes some specialists in law and Islamic Sharia, is studying the legal status of AIDS patients, he said.

Controls

Dr Uwais stressed that Kuwait is free from contagious diseases due to the strict health controls on passengers from countries where such diseases are prevalent.

He noted that, apart from the 7-year-old girl who died after being infected with the AIDS virus by contaminated blood during surgery abroad, no other child has died.

There are three other Kuwaitis carrying the virus.

10 new cases of meningitis reported

THE Ministry of Public Health has reported 10 new cases of meningitis.

A newborn child has already died from the disease in an intensive care unit. The ages of the other patients range from 3 to 59 years. None of them have relatives who went for haj this year.

Most people (about 80 per cent) have natural immunity against the disease, but children are more susceptible than adults.

Japan's beacon system goes ahead despite Gulf war ceasefire

ABU DHABI, Aug 30, (AP): Japan will go ahead with its scheme to install a navigational aid system along the Gulf coast despite the Gulf war ceasefire, a Japanese diplomat said today.

"The system will still be useful as a non-military means to facilitate safe navigation for merchant vessels in the Gulf against not only mines, but also natural hazards," said Kunio Katakura, the Japanese Ambassador to the United Arab Emirates.

Accepted

The \$10 million scheme proposed and financed by Japan, which imports 51.7 per cent of its oil from the region, involves building 24 advanced British-made coastal radar beacons to help ships determine their locations more precisely than is now possible.

The radar network is Japan's contribution to the multinational effort spearheaded by

the United States to protect ships in the Gulf from attack during the fighting between Iran and Iraq.

A United Nations-sponsored ceasefire took effect on Aug 20. Katakura said all Gulf states have accepted the navigation project in principle and Kuwait has already provided sites for the beacons to be installed on its territory, he said.

Chance

Katakura cautioned Japanese companies not to "act in a hurry" by getting involved in reconstruction of war-ravaged Iran and Iraq before the extent of damage has been determined.

The ambassador said Japan hoped to have its experts among the UN team scheduled to assess damage and reconstruction needs in both countries.

Japan also plans to send a team of non-government experts to study reconstruction needs by

School uniforms at reduced rates

GOVERNMENT and private schools will soon start receiving more than 400,000 students for the new academic year.

This year, Kuwait Supplies Co. in co-operation with the Ministry of Education has provided markets, co-operative societies and commercial centres with school uniforms at reduced rates.

However, a limited number of uniforms were provided by the company and many consumers are looking to the local market to fill the gap.

Cheaper

Saleh Saad, deputy marketing manager at Shamiya Co-operative Society told a local daily that preparations for the academic year started earlier than usual.

The society is providing uniforms of various sizes and other supplies. Book stores at the society were expanded to provide

a greater selection and moved from the ground to the second floor, he added.

Ahmad Mustafa Fawzi, head of the school uniforms section at the society, said: "We have shortages of some sizes of uniforms as the quantity supplied by the supplies company was limited."

A boy's shirt sells for KD1.00 and a girl's skirt for KD1.100.

He said that apparel at the local market is cheaper than clothes provided by the company.

Nevertheless, consumers prefer articles supplied by the Ministry of Education due to their quality and being well-tailored.

Juma Husni, library manager in Shamiya Co-operative said that more space was set aside for the book store.

The society imports goods directly from manufacturers and prices are lower at the society than the local markets, he said.

No plans to militarise defence administration

THE Defence Ministry has no plans to militarise its administrative staff, said Undersecretary for Defence Faisal Al Dawood in an interview with a local newspaper.

The ministry has both civil and military staff working in different capacities.

The technical jobs require military experience, while the doctors and engineers are usually civilians.

The undersecretary said that members of the military staff and their families are sometimes sent abroad for medical treatment, but the trip has to be approved by a special committee. The Defence Ministry works in conjunction with the Ministries of Finance, Public Health, and Foreign Affairs to make the decision.

Amendments to housing law nearing completion

SUBCOMMITTEES of the Higher Housing Council have nearly completed amendments to the new housing law, according to a source at the Public Housing Authority.

However, one of the items concerning applications for government housing from Kuwaiti women married to non-Kuwaitis is still under consideration, the source added.

The Public Housing Authority, suspended receiving applications of this category at the end of 1982 the source said.

The loan amounts granted by the Savings and Credit Bank to

enable citizens to build their own homes will not be reduced the source said. The loans are for KD 54,000.

The committees will soon complete deliberations, and recommendations will be submitted to the Higher Housing Council.

The council is scheduled to meet at the end of September or beginning October this year, the source said.

Oil pollution

MANAMA, Aug 30, (KUNA): Bahraini Deputy Chairman of the Environmental Protection Committee, Khalid Fakrou, said that samples of crude oil which polluted vast areas of the Bahraini seashore will be sent to laboratories in Saudi Arabia and Kuwait to be analysed.

Fakrou said he hopes that the lab results will help Gulf countries determine the source of the oil leak, so precautions can be taken to fight any oil contamination in the future, the Gulf News Agency quoted the Bahraini official as saying.

Solar eclipse

KUWAITI astronomer, Dr Saleh Al Ejsuri, has announced that the total solar eclipse due to occur on Sunday, Sept 11 will be seen in the Far East but will not be visible in Kuwait.

The eclipse will start at 4.45 am and continue until 7 am Kuwait time. This phenomenon occurs when the moon is positioned between the Earth and the sun. A partial eclipse of the moon occurred last Saturday, but this was also not seen in Kuwait.

ROYAL COURT

Amiri audiences

HH the Amir yesterday received HH the Crown Prince and Premier Sheikh Saad Abdullah.

HH the Amir also met with the Hungarian ambassador to Kuwait who sought permission to leave the country at the end of his mission.

Crown Prince holds reception

HH the Crown Prince and Premier Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah held a reception last evening in honour of the leader of the Sudanese Democratic Union Party, Mohammed Othman Al Mirghani.

The reception was attended by Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmed and other senior officials.

KUWAIT PRESS DIGEST

Partition looms over Lebanon

KUWAITI newspapers yesterday warned that failure to elect a new president of all Lebanese could split the Arab country.

One daily said the danger of partition has loomed over Lebanon ever since the civil war broke out in 1975, but increases in times of military or political chaos such as the current deadlock over a successor to outgoing President Amin Gemayel.

The newspaper pointed out that dividing Lebanon has always been part of an Israeli dream to create small and weak sectarian states.

Such a scheme, the newspaper commented editorially, found support only among a small band of right-wing Christians in Lebanon, chiefly the former president-elect Boshir Gemayel, who was killed in a bomb explosion, and his Phalangist militias who received arms and military training from the Zionists.

But the paper stressed that the majority in the Lebanese Christian community have not fallen victim to the Israeli schemes and reject any plots to split their country along sectarian lines.

The paper echoed the warning of Lebanon's Maronite Patriarch, Nasrallah Sfir, against dividing the country, and his call for national unity.

Another daily launched a scathing attack on rival militias and political parties who are blocking the election of a successor to Gemayel.

"It is regrettable that political feuds between armed parties in Lebanon have reached a point whereby they are seeking foreign assistance to impose their views or choice of presidential nominee," the paper said.

No party so far has made any compromise to break the deadlock around the presidential elections and subsequently end the suffering of the average Lebanese, who is more concerned about basic commodity prices than who is the next president, the newspaper said.

The daily expressed astonishment that the month-old bickering has been over nominees, and not about their political programmes or constitutional reforms.

"Those speaking of a constitutional vacuum are the ones blocking the election of a president and are leading the country into comprehensive vacuum, which represents part of Lebanon's overall dilemma over the past 14 years," the paper concluded.

GULF PRESS

Call for more support for PLO

A United Arab Emirates daily called for more support for the PLO in its latest diplomatic initiative aimed at achieving a fair settlement by establishing a Palestinian state-in-exile.

The Dubai-based newspaper said the Palestinian uprising in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip presented a major challenge to Israel and focused world attention on Middle East peace moves.

"It has created a momentum for a settlement which even the West is finding hard to ignore," the paper pointed out.

"Adding to Israel's worries is the diplomatic campaign launched by the PLO for a government-in-exile, and the declaration of an independent Palestinian state," it added.

The extent of Israel's "panic" was clear when it sent a senior politician to a West European state to counter the PLO drive, it said.

"In this context it is not entirely without significance that the European Parliament has invited PLO chairman Arafat to address it," the newspaper said.

The daily urged the UN secretary-general and West European leaders to "come out unambiguously in favour of Palestinians — (and have) the satisfaction of speaking out for justice and of advancing the cause of peace and liberty."

"An even heavier responsibility rests with the Arab world," it said. "It is unfortunate that there haven't been any more clear-cut statements in support of the PLO's latest diplomatic initiative as there should have been," the newspaper said.

"The Palestinians need to be told clearly and openly that in whatever they decide they will find the rest of the Arab world on their side," it stressed.

Saudi-Jordanian talks

SAUDI newspapers yesterday commented on domestic, Arab and international issues.

A Jeddah-based newspaper highlighted strong relations between Saudi Arabia and Jordan and said the meeting between King Fahd and King Hussein was within the framework of bilateral consultations for the benefit of Arabs.

The newspaper said the talks came at an important time in the light of ongoing direct negotiations between Iraq and Iran in Geneva and the heroic Palestinian uprising in Palestine.

The daily said it hopes that the Saudi-Jordanian talks will bring good results for bilateral relations and the Palestinian cause.

Commenting on the Palestinian cause, another Jeddah-based daily said top priority should be given to strengthening Jordanian-Palestinian relations to enable the Palestinian people to set up an independent state on their homeland.

Another daily, said the American stand towards the Palestinian issue and Israel should be changed in line with the Palestinian uprising in the occupied Arab territory.

"We should take into account the increasing desire of American and some European parties to listen to the Palestinian viewpoint," it said.

Referring to the current stalemate in Iraq-Iran peace talks, a Dammam-based newspaper said the impasse does not surprise political observers who are aware of Iran's stubbornness and unclear political vision.

The daily added that Iraq always welcomed peace initiatives and worked for pursuing the peace process, while Iran created snags for a peaceful settlement.

"Iran accepted the direct negotiations because it had no other options. Tehran should now accept peace through negotiations instead of accepting peace through weapons," the daily said.

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VIDEO CORNER

A tale of inept ghosts

By Gail Seery

I HAVE a question. If writer A and writer B collaborate to produce a story, and then writer A and writer C turn it into a screenplay, what happened to writer B? Did writer A become crazed with visions of huge profits, and kill him off? Or did writer B just prove totally unco-operative and unimaginative? If so, which bits of the original story were his? Whatever the reasons, I think the public has the right to know.

In fact, I spent the early minutes of *Betelgeuse* (pronounced Beeteljeuse, and spelt that way on the video label) wondering exactly what had come between the two writers of the original story. But not for long: what starts as a fairly nebulous sort of film quickly develops into a thoroughly entertaining and compelling story.

A young married couple is killed in a clean and painless car crash, and find themselves doomed to haunt their beautiful country farm house for the next hundred and fifty years. The couple were childless, but had loved their large old house with its quaint, traditional decor, and the little, rural town outside. The husband, played by Michael Keaton, has even painstakingly built an accurate scale model of



Peter Sellers

the town, and has added to it continually as minor details change. He even includes the local cemetery, which after the crash, includes their graves.

The couple don't find being ghosts very pleasant. At first life appears to continue as normal, and they think they have survived the crash, but then they realise they have no recollection of their journey from the bottom of the river back to the house, and more disturbingly, that they no longer have any reflection in the mirror. The final clincher is the "Handbook for the Recently Deceased", which they find on the coffee table.

The pair quickly find that being dead is not much fun, and are appalled to find that they are trapped in the house. The wife, played by Geena Davis,

finds it particularly hard to cope, and storms out of the door before her husband can rescue her, and has to be rescued from a gigantic dolphin-cum-sand worm in a desert wasteland. Even the boredom they have to endure is preferable to that desert, but then a new family arrives, which quickly makes plans to completely redecorate and distort the house.

The ghosts try everything they can to scare them away but prove rather inept and wimpish at haunting, resorting to dressing in designer sheets, because no-one but the teenage daughter can see them.

Finally, when the newcomers realise their house is haunted, they make plans to exploit the ghosts, who hide out in the attic with their model of the town.

Betelgeuse is the apparent answer. He is not a very nice ghost at all, and claims to be able to "exorcise the living". At first the couple see him as an ideal solution to their problems, but then they meet him, and see him trying to put some of his schemes into effect. They realise that no matter how much they hate the new family, they can't allow *Betelgeuse* to have his way.

The film develops into a conflict between wanting the family to leave, especially as they are now posing a direct

Maggie Smith stars in *Murder by Death*

threat to the ghosts, and the desire to protect them from *Betelgeuse*.

It was recommended to me as a "silly" film I was bound to like, but I'd substitute the word "weird" for silly. It's full of very impressive special effects, and macabre carryings on, but is well-worked, and deserves to be seen.

Murder by Death is not a new film by any stretch of the imagination. It was made in 1976, from a story by Neil Simon, in which he parodies almost every better known whodunit character. The film is pretty baffling and silly, and no

matter how hard the viewer concentrates, it is difficult to discern exactly who did what to whom and why. The stars include Peter Sellers, David Niven, Maggie Smith, Peter Falk and Truman Capote. I missed it when it came out, and was strongly advised to see it by a colleague. I would pass on that recommendation — it is a very funny film indeed, and defies any analysis of its plot.

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appallingly refereed). Good performances from the three main actors and a 'nice' story that is bound to appeal, but the film is scarcely a knock-out.

Continuing the saga of the world's greatest detective, *The Scarlet Claw* is considered by many to be the best of the Universal productions. Made in 1944, it is unusually well scripted and directed. The doom laden atmospheric plot about *Holmes'* apparent inability to stop a supernatural killer gives a tension not normally found in this puzzling murder-mystery set in a remote Canadian village with a bloody past. Released with this was *Sherlock Holmes and The Spider Woman*, also made in 1944.

The recent Eurovision song contest is now available on video.

The above films are by courtesy of VFI Fintax/Farwanja; Video Nafu, Salliya Complex, Tel: 243-2809; Video Club, Salmiya, Tel: 5724372.

Kuwait will hold a meeting on Monday, Sept. 5, at Far East Restaurant at 7.45 pm sharp. Topics to be discussed include forthcoming PBAK inter-commercial bowling tournament to be held on Sept 9 at 300 Club at 9 am. Revised rules and regulations will be distributed to all team captains. Fees must be settled. All team captains are requested to attend the meeting. For details contact PBAK Director Sarah Macarim Bang Tel: 4843447.

Sabah Trophy Meeting
 The Sabah Cricket Tournament's organising committee will hold a general meeting on Sept 1, 7.30 pm, at Ala Restaurant, Sharq. All participating teams are requested to attend. For details phone Naseem Khurshid — 4815077 ext. 513.

Boy's Own Club

Boy's Own Club will organise a seven-a-side one-day football festival on the holiday declared to mark the Prophet's birthday (Oct 22/23). Interested teams can contact Milagres 3967446 or Joe D'Souza 4813622.

Masters Bowling Tournament

Semi-finals and final rounds for the Masters tournament for men and women will be held on Thursday, 6.30 pm, Sept. 1, and Friday, 9 am, Sept. 2. Forty-eight top bowlers will play in the men's division on Thursday. Eight players will play in the women's division on Friday. All qualifiers must come on Thursday at 3.00 Club, behind US Embassy.

Salcette United

The Salcette United Sports Centre will hold their third annual Gold Cup Football Tournament starting Sept 9. Those interested may contact Peter 2434415 or Mariano 4744150 after 5 pm, before Sept 1. The draw will be held on Sept 2 at 9 am, at the Phoenix hotel.

• All entries for the What's On column must be handed over personally to Events Section, from 12 noon to 4 pm, at the Arab Times Office in Shuwaikh. Photographs will also be considered for publication. Phoned-in entries will not be accepted.

Coming of age

turous acclaim before the roof falls in on her. Bailey discovers her involvement in Joan's escape and tells her to leave.

A well meaning drama, admirably produced by Merchant Ivory, it makes a pleasant change to see them involved in a contemporary film instead of their meticulous period recreations. Films like *A Room With A View* and *The Bostonians* having gained for them a reputation which can only be enhanced by other films similar to *My Little Girl*.

Streets of Gold is a "Rocky IV with a moral" film, and although Klaus Maria Brandauer does his best with a rather narrowly conceived role, it definitely lacks Rocky's punch. Brandauer plays a former Soviet boxing champion who is denied his chance to represent the USSR at the Olympics because of his religion, and ends up in Brighton Beach,

Brooklyn. There he trains two aspiring young fighters, one white (Adrian Pasdar), and one black (Wesley Snipes). And, of course, as luck would have it, they get their chance against a team of visiting Soviet boxers.

But, before the bout can take place, the black kid has his hand slashed by the white kid's former manager. So the white kid has to go it alone, and, like R. Balboa before him, finally triumphs over a rock-like Russian opponent.

Initially uncertain as to whether it is a drama about recent immigrants (a lot of screen time is spent on local Brighton Beach colour), or a making-it-out-of-the-ghetto melodrama, *Streets of Gold* keeps its fight-picture audience waiting a long time before we are treated to the final rousing match. Unfortunately, even that is badly choreographed (not to mention

WHAT'S ON

ARTS

Kuwait Science Museum

The museum will be open to the public every evening from 5 pm and from 9 am on Friday.

Islamic Arts Museum

The museum, located on Arab Gulf Street, is open from 8.30 am to 12.30 noon and 4.30 to 7.30 pm. Saturday to Thursday. A collection of the finest Islamic art objects are on show.

Tareq Rajab Museum

The museum in Jabriya houses a collection of Islamic art, costumes and jewellery from the Muslim world. Summer timings are 9 am to 12 noon and 4 to 7 pm. Sat. thru Thurs. On Friday the museum is open only in the mornings.

SOCIAL

Country Western

The American Community Theatre is rounding up singers, dancers and musicians for their annual Country and Western musical, to be held at the end of September. Interested talents, contact Nancy Parker 2523911 ext. 2346, 5725071 (evenings) or Nola Anderson 2428366.

Welcome Back To Kuwait

The Sounds Great organisation will hold a "Welcome Back to Kuwait" dance party at the Messilah Beach hotel on Sept 29, at 8 pm. Music by the Sounds Great bands. For reservations and further details ring Ken Winston or Adolf 5740256/7 or 5758870. Newcomers to Kuwait are particularly welcome.

Y.M.C.A.

The Y.M.C.A. will present the "Come September Ball" at the Kuwait Sheraton Hotel on September 1 at 8.30 pm. Highlights include the selection of the Queen of Queens. Top Ranks and Stepping Stones will be in attendance. For reservations, contact J D'Sa at 2450279, 3981790, 3924659.

Varca Sporting Centre

Varca Sporting Centre will hold their third annual social evening at the Tent SAS hotel on Sept 22 at 8.00 pm. Music will be provided by Top Ranks and Stepping Stones. For

reservations and further details, contact Roland 2430581 or James 5331940.

Indian Ballet

Narhanna, a dance troupe led by Mohiniyattam exponent Mrs Prameela Sundaran, will stage a ballet, Panchavadi, and a number of Nrithas at its annual show, Nrithasav, at the Indian Arts Circle, on Sept 22 at 7.00 pm. Admission will be strictly limited; for free passes, call 4337608.

Sounds Great

Auditions will be held on Sept 15-17 for singers and dancers for the next Sounds Great show, to be held at the Salmiyah cinema on Oct 19-22. For details ring Ken Winston or Adolf 5740256/7 or 5758870.

HOTELS

At the Kuwait Plaza

The Al Dallah coffee shop offers buffet breakfast, lunch and dinner, as well as a set menu mini business lunch. Ice-cream festival at the International Food Arcade; light snacks also available; open 10.00 am to 11.00 pm.

Enjoy Turkish cuisine, a la carte, at the Bosphorus restaurant. Open for lunch and dinner every day except Saturday. The Varca Polo restaurant offers Italian food, live music and a candlelight atmosphere.

There is a Filipino Night every Sunday 7.00 to 9.30 pm; live entertainment provided.

At the Ramada

Al Bendera coffee shop offers continental and Arabic buffets for breakfast, lunch and dinner from 6 am to midnight, a la carte available.

Al Gandou Grill Garden, open 7 pm to midnight, features a selection of grilled specialties. The Open Garden has selection of teas, coffees, and juices; Argulla water pipe available; videos shown on large screen every day. Open from 7 pm to 11 pm daily.

Take away counter, open daily 4 to 11 pm, offers a selection of Arabic sandwiches and snacks, from 4 pm to 11 pm daily.

At the Meridien

Mango promotion, featuring wide variety of mango preparations including salads, cocktails and mango ice cream, until Aug 31.

At the Continental

The Gardenia, open from 7 am to midnight, offers buffets featuring Arabic, Continental and Indian food at dinner on Thursday and at lunch on Friday.

The Darbar offers lunch buffet every Thursday. A la carte for dinner.

At the Hilton

La Palma has introduced a new 12-day buffet cycle featuring Arab specialties; open daily for breakfast, lunch and dinner, from 6.30 am to midnight.

At the Failaka restaurant, select from a wide variety of dishes to make your own table top buffet. The Magnetic Band provides live music in the evenings. Open every day 12.30 pm to 3 pm and 7.30-11.30 pm.

At the Sheraton

Enjoy Italian cuisine and live entertainment by the Sienna's Duo at the Riccardo restaurant. Riccardo's is closed on Fridays. A selection of seafood is offered in Al Hambra on Wednesday night. The Marcus Band provide live entertainment. Special lunch and dinner buffets are offered to patrons of Le Tarbouche.

At the Holiday Inn

Al Ahmadi Coffee Shop offers international buffet meals at lunch and dinner from 6 am to 1 am; a la carte also available. Fresh pastries and cakes can be bought every day at the Viennese Cafe. The Hanging Babylon Gardens are an ideal place to relax with friends.

At Messilah Beach

Al Mubarakia restaurant, open 24 hours, offers buffet breakfast, lunch and dinner, as well as a variety of snacks.

SPORTS

IVth Winners Cup

cricket tournament

The YMCA will hold the All Kuwait Open IVth Winners Cup cricket tournament, beginning Sept 16. It will be played on Fridays and holidays at the Ahmadi Governorate ground located behind the Computer Centre. Teams wishing to participate can contact Joe D'Sa, Tel: 3981790, 3-5 pm; 3924659, 5-8 pm.

PBAK Meeting

The officers of the Philippines Bowlers Association in

TELEVISION PROGRAMMES

KTV 1

- 9.00 Holy Quran
- 9.15 Good Morning
- 9.30 Space Adventurers: cartoon serial
- 10.15 8 Harat Al Bahar: daily serial
- 11.00 News Summary followed by songs and music
- 11.15 Bu Saleh Yureedu: Arabic serial
- 12.00 News Summary
- 12.15 Cultural Film
- 1.00 News Summary
- 1.05 World News via Satellite
- 1.50 Songs and Music
- 2.35 Araq Al Daliyah: Arabic series
- 3.35 Heidi: cartoons
- 4.15 English feature film, starring John Wayne, Rock Hudson
- 6.00 Bunduq wa Bunduq: children's serial
- 7.05 Seminar on Traffic Problems
- 7.45 Folklore
- 8.30 Wa Qalat Al Arab: Arabic serial
- 9.00 News in Arabic

Susan Dey and Harry Hamlin in *L.A. Law*, on KTV 2 at 10.30 pm tonight.

- 9.50 Al Saqiya Tadour: Arabic series
- 10.50 Hikayat Min Al Badiya: "Al Fajr"
- 12.15 News Summary
- 12.20 World News via Satellite
- 12.50 Holy Quran/Closedown

KTV 2

- 6.00 Holy Quran
- 6.10 The Mouse Factory

6.30 The Kids of Degrassi Street: a series for young viewers

7.00 Managing the Micro: "Broadway Bound" Michael and his girlfriend audition for a Broadway play.

8.00 News in English

8.40 O'Hara: "Open Season". Todd's life is in danger; O'Hara is asked to protect him

9.30 Wildlife On One: "Kingdom of Crabs". Millions of crabs live on an island in the Pacific, considered to be the kingdom of crabs.

10.00 Sledge Hammer: "Sledge Rattles and Rolls". The death of a rock singer is followed by three more killings; Hammer investigates the case.

10.30 LA Law: the lawyers deal with several new cases.

11.30 News summary/Magazine d'Actualite/Closedown

Please note that programmes and timings are liable to change without notice.

RADIO PROGRAMMES

English

- Morning
- 0800 Opening
- 0802 Songs and Music
- 0805 Writers and Poets in Arabic Literature
- 0830 News
- 0840 Songs and Music
- 0845 Daily Programme
- 0900 Golden Collections
- 0930 Album Tracks
- 1000 Our Press Today
- 1005 Songs and Music
- 1030 Music With a Theme
- 1100 Closedown
- 1130 News on FM Service
- Evening
- 2100 Opening
- 2102 Pop Scene
- 2130 News
- 2145 Point of View
- 2155 Songs and Music
- 2215 Musical Celebrities
- 2245 Daily Programme
- 2300 Soul With a Beat
- 2330 Choice of the Week
- 2400 Closedown

BBC World Services

- 0900 World News
- 09 News about Britain
- 15 Radio Newswatch
- 30 Omnibus
- 0100 News Summary followed by Outlook
- 30 Report on Religion
- 45 Country Style
- 0230 World News
- 09 British Press Review
- 15 A-Z of Hollywood
- 30 Citizens
- 0300 World News
- 09 News about Britain
- 15 The World Today
- 30 The Pop Science Programme
- 0400 Newswatch
- 30 Country Stories
- 45 Reflections
- 50 Financial News
- 0500 World News
- 09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary

- Summary
- 30 Report on Religion
- 45 The World Today
- 0600 Newswatch
- 10 Meridian
- 0700 World News
- 09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary
- 30 Development '88
- 0800 World News
- 09 Reflections
- 15 Classical Record Review
- 30 Brain of Britain 1988 (ex 31st)
- 0900 World News
- 09 British Press Review
- 15 The World Today
- 30 Financial News followed by Sports Roundup
- 45 Folk in Britain (ex 10th and 24th Jazz Scene UK)
- 1000 News Summary followed by Omnibus
- 30 Trivia Test Match
- 1100 World News
- 09 News about Britain
- 15 Country Stories
- 30 Meridian
- 1200 Radio Newswatch
- 15 Time for Verse
- 25 The Farming World
- 45 Sports Roundup
- 1300 World News
- 09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary
- 30 Development '88
- 1400 Outlook, opening with 5-Minute News
- 45 Report on Religion
- 1500 Radio Newswatch
- 15 Three Wishes
- 30 Radio Active
- 1600 World News
- 09 News about Britain
- 15 Hitting the High Notes
- 45 The World Today
- 1700 World News
- 09 Commentary
- 15 Society Today
- 30 New Ideas
- 40 Book Choice
- 45 Sports Roundup
- 1800 Newswatch
- 30 Multitrack 2
- 1900 Outlook, opening with News Summary
- 39 Stock Market Report
- 45 Good Books

- 2000 World News
- 09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary
- 30 Sports International (ex 1st and 8th Pilgrim's Progress)
- 2100 News Summary followed by Network UK
- 15 The Seven Ages of Shakespeare
- 30 The Vintage Chart Show
- 2200 World News
- 09 The World Today
- 30 Sports International (ex 1st and 8th Pilgrim's Progress)
- 40 Reflections
- 45 Sports Roundup
- 2300 World News
- 09 Commentary
- 15 Write On...
- 30 Multitrack 2

ALL TIMES GMT

FM Services

- 0800 Easy Listening
- 0830 News
- 0840 Easy Listening
- 1000 Songs and Music
- 1300 Easy Listening
- 1330 News
- 1400 Classical Music
- 1600 Easy Listening
- 1700 French Hour
- 1800 Pope
- 1900 Be Our Guest
- 2130 News
- 2145 Pope
- 2200 Famous Classical Works
- 2300 Easy Listening
- 2400 Instrumental Music
- 2500 Closedown

Urdu

- 1900 Opening
- 1910 Behuteren Qual
- 1916 Programme Preview
- 1920 Songs
- 1940 Subha-e-Nau
- 2000 News
- 2020 Songs
- 2040 Hidayate Rabbaani
- 2100 Closedown

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EDITORIALS

ARAB TIMES

Thought for today

THERE is only one success — to be able to spend your life in your own way — Christopher Morley, US writer (1890-1957).

King Hussein's split with West Bank

A challenge for all

By John Rice

AMMAN, Jordan. (AP) King Hussein's disengagement from the West Bank has thrust the Palestinians' fate solely into the hands of the PLO and pulled the plug on 20 years of US Middle East peace strategies.

His July 31 decision to sever legal and administrative links with the Israeli-occupied territory also pulled the rug out from Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres.

He has advocated the "Jordanian option," under which Amman would take the Palestinians off Israel's hands, while leaving the Jewish state controlling strategic parts of the West Bank.

Hussein's move also was a major step toward cementing a Jordanian identity among the hundreds of thousands of Palestinian refugees Jordan welcomed after the 1948 and 1967 wars with Israel.

Most Jordanians are from refugee families. They have identified with the king on one side and Palestine on the other.

Now they'll have to choose. Jordanian officials say West Bankers are no longer Jordanian citizens.

Withdraw
Since the 1967 war, the United States has called for Israel to withdraw from the West Bank and Gaza Strip in return for peace. That cast Hussein as the Palestinians' overseer.

After the 1973 war, moderate Israelis opted for the "Jordanian option," which would give Jordan a shrunken West Bank and the teeming Gaza Strip to block the creation of a Palestinian state on Israel's flank.

Gaza was Egyptian territory until 1967. But Jordan, through its links with the West Bank, assumed much of the responsibility for its 650,000 inhabitants, most of them Palestinian refugees.

Israel and the United States rejected the 1974 Arab summit resolution naming the PLO the Palestinians' sole representative, even as the years weakened Hussein's influence in the West Bank and bolstered the PLO.

Hussein has repeatedly tried to bridge the gap between Israel and the United States and the PLO. But neither side offered enough concessions to lure the other.

Deaths of Arab workers spark fear
By William B. Ries

OR YEHUDA, Israel. (UPI) The pale green shed, its door blackened by flames, still stands at the edge of the construction site, a charred symbol of the rising wave of violence and fear in Israel between Arabs and Jews.

On the night of Aug. 8, the three Arab workers burned to death in the windowless hut where they slept illegally instead of returning each night to their homes in Gaza's squalid refugee camps.

"These Arab people came here to work and they were killed," said Meyer Shell, 40. "It was the most disgusting violent thing. It shouldn't have happened."

The deaths sparked widespread rioting in Gaza and brought fear to the tens of thousands of Arabs who travel from the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip to jobs in Israel.

"Most of the people here are afraid to go to Israel, but they must go," said Mahmud Salim Abed, 65, the uncle of Nisim Ibrahim Abed, one of the slain workers. "They go only to work, not to make strikes, to throw bottles."

Condemned
Although widely condemned by Arabs and Jews, the deaths and subsequent attacks have widened the circle of violence and fear among Jews and Arabs trying to work together in the shadow of the 8-month-old Palestinian uprising in the occupied territories.

Nearly two weeks later, a hand grenade exploded on a busy pedestrian mall in Haifa, injuring 25 Jews. Four West Bank Palestinians were arrested.

The following day, three firebombs and a smoke bomb were thrown into the yard of a Jewish home in Or Yehuda, a city of 21,000 founded in the early 1950s by Jewish immigrants from Arab countries.

In recent days, several Arab workers have been severely

An Arab summit last May shunted aside Jordan's role in favour of the PLO, its influence swelled by the Palestinian uprising in the occupied territories.

One Jordanian official, insisting on anonymity, said some Jordanian leaders were shocked by the wave of PLO support and condemnation of Jordan during the uprising.

"We also came to realize that the Israelis and Americans made use of the fact that there was a legal relationship between Jordan and the West Bank to procrastinate, to find pretexts for not negotiating, a palace official told the Associated Press.

Now, he said, talks about Palestine are up to Israel and the PLO. The king vowed to back any PLO stands, as well as an independent Palestinian state.

To underscore that point, the palace official said Jordan has backed away from its long-standing call for an instant confederation between Jordan and a Palestinian state, cutting the bond US officials had seen as a crucial part of peace efforts.

Hussein has insisted his action is irrevocable, an historic split with the West Bank that his grandfather, King Abdullah, absorbed in 1950.

The PLO, caught off guard by Hussein's dramatic move, has responded by planning to declare an independent Palestinian state and a provisional government, which likely will be based on recognition of Israel's right to exist.

That would mark a major shift for an organization that has formally advocated a "democratic secular state" to replace Israel.

Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir has vowed to crush Palestinian independence efforts.

That would leave Israel with the choice of riding out the storm in the West Bank and Gaza, imposing a sort of sub-state there run by Israeli-backed collaborators or gradually trying to squeeze out the West Bankers.

Jordanian officials have tried to soften the wrench of Hussein's decision. The monarch assured Palestinians in Jordan that they retain full rights as citizens of the kingdom.

But he has made clear that while they can eventually choose Palestinian citizenship, they will have to be loyal citizens of Jordan while in the kingdom.

beaten by groups of Jews in the Tel Aviv area.

"People are frightened," said Usi Hakin, 52, a Jewish construction contractor from Iraq who came to Israel in 1951. "It starts a cycle of revenge. It's not a local thing."

Many of Or Yehuda's people say the 1,000 Palestinian labourers who work here are welcome. But they don't deny relations have soured.

"Until the beginning of the uprising, some Arab guys even used to go out with the girls from here," said Ya'acov Zacharia, "since then, things have become polarized."

At the construction site where the burned shed stands, work continued on an extension of the Or Yehuda community centre. Subcontractor Asher Shitrit, 43, a Jew born in Morocco, said the slain workers were friends and hard workers who slept at the site to save on car fare.

"We have memories about the Nazis. We are very sensitive about these things," he said. "The Nazis burned us with gas, but here people were burned with live fire, it is impossible to grasp."

Whoever started the fire also barred the door, preventing the men from escaping despite the efforts of nearby residents to get help. A natural gas tank used for cooking exploded, fatally burning the workers.

"They have it easy and they make a big mess. Throw them out," said Chaim Vasha, 23, an unemployed Jewish immigrant from Soviet Georgia.

Police arrested two Or Yehuda men and accused them of throwing the firebombs at a Jewish home to create an anti-Arab backlash.

Or Yehuda mayor Yitzhak Bukovza made an extraordinary visit to the three Palestinian victims' families in Gaza to offer condolences, although he said he believed no one from his town torched the shed.

A symbol of black resistance

Mandela poses dilemma for South Africa

By David Cray

JOHANNESBURG. South Africa. (AP) Through 26 years of imprisonment, Nelson Mandela has evolved steadily into an almost superhuman symbol of black resistance to apartheid.

Now 70, stricken with tuberculosis, the African National Congress leader's international stature is at a peak, and he is locked in a test of wills with President P.W. Botha that will have a profound impact on South Africa's future.

Since Mandela was hospitalized Aug. 12, Botha has come under unprecedented pressure, here and abroad, to free the man who many believe would be president if black South Africans could vote.

More so than ever before, Botha has indicated he is ready to oblige, saying he wants to "act in a humane way" towards a prisoner "in a special category of his own."

But commentators across the political spectrum say Botha has become as much a prisoner as

Mandela, caught in a dilemma from which there is no easy escape.

Keeping Mandela in jail will intensify the international protests and pose the risk of a furious response by blacks if their most esteemed leader dies behind bars.

Protest
Yet freeing an unrepentant Mandela will outrage right-wing whites, and could revive militant black opposition activity that has been heavily suppressed under a 26-month-old state of emergency.

These conflicting pressures leave Botha in a bind. Government officials say he is unlikely to choose the bolder option of release without some sort of concession from Mandela, such as tacit acceptance of the government's demand for a renunciation of violence.

Mandela's supporters believe he will accept nothing short of unconditional freedom. They recall 1986, when Mandela said he would not renounce violence until the government unbanned



Nelson Mandela

the African National Congress, scrapped the segregation laws of apartheid, and agreed to negotiate political rights for the nation's 26-million black majority.

"There is no violence worse than apartheid," wrote black newspaper editor Khulu Sibiyi. "If one were to weigh the

violence of apartheid and that for which Mandela was imprisoned, that of Mandela is like a Sunday school picnic."

Release
Calls for Mandela's release are coming not only from blacks and white liberals, but also from some conservative whites. The pro-government, Afrikaans-language newspaper Beeld incurred Botha's wrath this month after twice urging that Mandela be freed.

Some analysts argue that the ANC's exiled leadership benefits more with Mandela behind bars than if he were free.

"As long as he is in jail, he cannot make a mistake. And yet he might, once free, especially because people have high expectations from him," said Chris Maritz, a political science professor at the University of Potchefstroom.

Mike Hough, director of the Institute for Strategic Studies at the University of Pretoria, suggested that some ANC leaders might prefer that Mandela die in jail. This would give the ANC a mar-

tyr and avoid a possible ideological split in the guerrilla organization if a freed Mandela diverged in any way from current ANC policy.

There is no firm indication that such a split would occur. But Mandela is on record as opposing guerrilla attacks on civilian targets, while some of the younger generation of ANC officials have advocated such attacks as a way of demoralizing whites.

Apologize
Mandela, in his few publicly reported statements while in prison, has never distanced himself from the ANC or apologized for masterminding an anti-government sabotage campaign — the crime for which he received a life sentence.

"If white leaders do not act in good faith toward us, if they will not meet with us to discuss political equality ... then there really is no alternative other than violence," he told Samuel Dash, an American law professor, in 1985.

Dash, one of the few foreigners to meet Mandela in prison, wrote

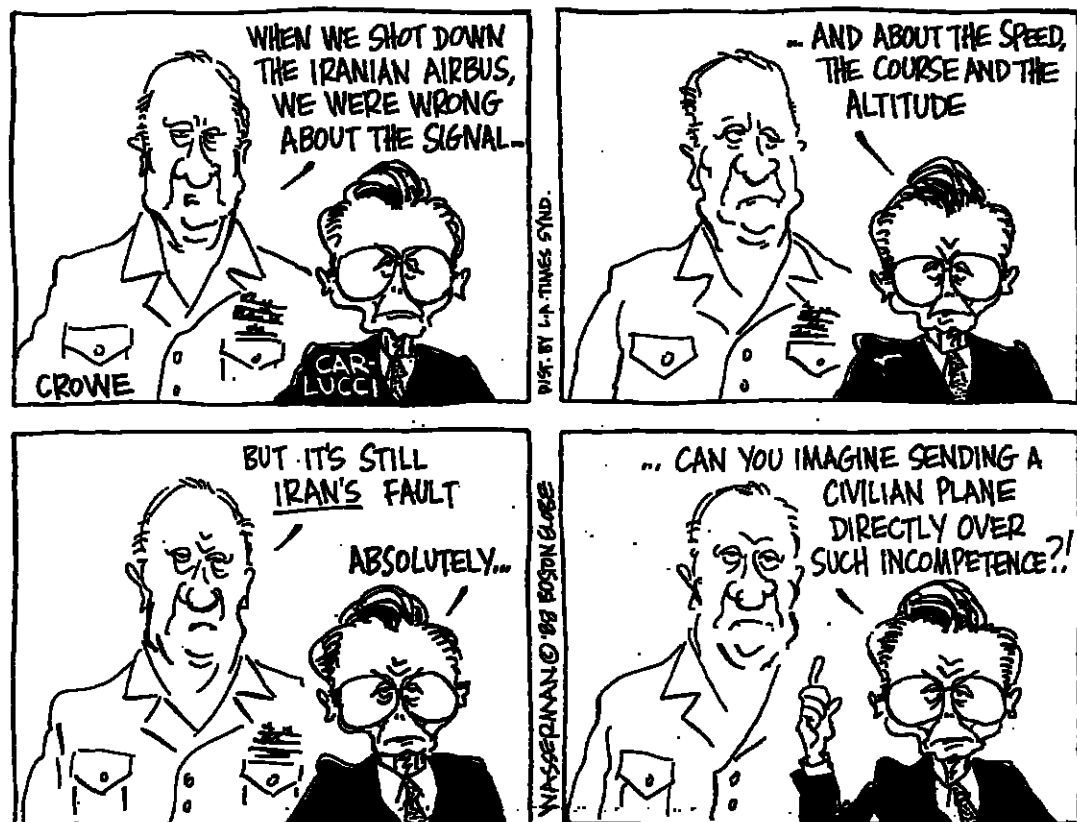
of the encounter: "Throughout our meeting, I felt that I was in the presence not of a guerrilla fighter or radical ideologue, but of a head of state."

Doctors say the prognosis for Mandela's complete recovery from tuberculosis is good, and government officials have suggested that he might be moved to a private clinic while he recuperates.

Under this scenario, he would be allowed to see an increased flow of visitors, and the government would decide after several months whether to free him or return him to prison.

Demystifying
Such a plan is depicted as a means of gradually demystifying Mandela, who is a living legend to many blacks.

His name is scrawled on countless township walls and chanted at anti-apartheid gatherings, even though few South Africans have seen a photograph of him and only a handful have heard his voice. It is illegal to quote or publish photos of prisoners inside South Africa.



Inter-German ties still tricky

By Mark Heinrich

BONN. (Reuters) Cross-border travel and cultural exchanges are booming a year after East German leader Erich Honecker's historic visit to West Germany, but the diplomatic relationship remains awkward and distant.

Diplomats, analysts and Bonn officials agree that Honecker's trip, the first by an East German Communist Party chief since the division of Germany in 1949, succeeded only in knocking down many barriers to grassroots contact.

Visits to West Germany by East Germans under pensioners' age, rare two years ago, are now almost common. The number doubled to 1.2 million in 1987 and is expected to be higher this year.

West Berliners visiting family in East Berlin can now stay overnight, instead of having to re-enter the West by midnight.

Twinnings of East and West German towns are multiplying. In the cultural sphere, the West Berlin-based archives of the Bauhaus Architectural School went on display in East Germany this summer. To open the exhibit, Eberhard Diepgen gave the first speech by a West Berlin mayor on East German soil.

The spirit of pragmatic co-operation encouraged by Honecker's visit has yielded pacts to sell Airbus jets to East Germany's state airline, provide West German expertise to improve woeful car-breakdown service on East German highways, and enable West Germans to transfer hard currency to relatives or friends in East Germany.

Parallel to the travel surge has been an apparent suspension of the East German policy to shoot civilians trying to flee over the fenced border to West Germany.

But despite such advances, there is no sign that West German chancellor Helmut Kohl will make an official visit to East Berlin soon to reciprocate Honecker's trip of September 1987.

Improvement
The diplomatic climate was soured anew this year by an East German crackdown on dissidents linked to the church and charges rejected by East Berlin, of police harassment of West German journalists.

Bonn government leaders warned such incidents put a fresh burden on inter-German relations.

"This was a cold shower on everyone who put on rose-colored glasses after the Honecker visit in the expectation of fundamental improvement in the Germans' relationship," a Bonn-based Western diplomat said.

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Fear and mistrust haunt Bikini's 'nuclear nomads'

By Graham Earnshaw

BIKINI ATOLL, Northern Pacific. (Reuters) The many movies of recent years set in the post-nuclear war age do not prepare you for Bikini Island.

The United States exploded 23 atomic bombs on or near this Northern Pacific atoll between 1946 and 1958, but you would never know it from the beauty of its palm-fringed beaches and coconut groves.

Nature's power of regeneration may be remarkable, but this crescent-shaped four-km (three-mile) long island remains virtually uninhabited because of lingering radioactivity in the island's soil.

The people of Bikini, who were shifted out before the first atomic bomb blast, have yet to move back permanently and a dispute over what needs to be done before they can has been dragging on for years.

The tests began in July 1946 with a blast over a fleet of 90 warships assembled in Bikini lagoon, an event which inspired a French designer to name a new two-piece swimsuit which stunned the world of fashion.

Tourism
Some of the shipwrecks still lie on the floor of the lagoon, a diver's delight if tourism to Bikini is ever opened up.

In 1954, the first hydrogen bomb, 1,000 times more powerful than the bombs dropped on Japanese cities in 1945 to end World War II, was tested there, leaving behind the radiation which keeps the Bikini people exiled from their home.

Now the United States says it wants a solution that will allow the so-called "nuclear nomads" to return to Bikini in safety, while the Bikini people are trying to win as large a cash settlement as possible to pay for rehabilitating their island.

While the Bikini people press their claims in Washington, a small team of US Department of Energy people man a field station of Bikini tending experimental plantations.

American scientists think their experiments point to a way to ensure the people's safety, but with decades of fear and mistrust behind them, the Bikini people are loath to believe them.

For years, they were herded around the Marshall Islands, most of them ending up on the island of Kili where their traditional culture and diet have

collapsed under the weight of US welfare payments and food handouts.

The US announced in 1968 that the island was safe and some families moved back, only to be taken off again in 1978 when scientists found radiation levels in their bodies rising due to their consumption of coconuts and other island food.

The scientists say there are two options for solving the problem — scraping off all the contaminated soil, or spreading potassium-rich fertiliser to cut the amount of radioactive elements the plants take up from the soil.

Safe
The Bikini people tend to favour the scraping option, the scientists the potassium option.

One of the leaders of the 2,000-strong Bikini community, Marshall Islands Finance Minister Henochi Balos, told a correspondent on a recent visit that he did not trust the scientists.

"They are the same scientists who told us it was safe in 1968," he said. "The only peace of mind

you will have is to see all the radioactive soil removed. You will not live comfortably on Bikini knowing you are surrounded by radioactive objects."

The University of California's Bill Robison, who is in charge of team working on how to clean up Bikini, said the ultimate decision would rest with the Bikini people.

"The obvious option is to scrape away the top 40 cm (15 inches) of this island and dump it somewhere," Robison said.

"It would definitely be an effective way of doing away with the (radioactive) caesium, but you would be left with something that looks like a beach and you would be faced with tremendous problem of revegetating the island," he added.

Professor Earl Stone, a soil science expert who works on the project, aid there was less environmental radiation on Bikini than in some parts of the United States, and no sign of any mutation of animal or plant life.

"The external (radiation) dose is low; I wouldn't hesitate to live here," he said.

TODAY IN HISTORY

- 1290 — Jews are exiled from England by proclamation of King Edward I.
- 1704 — Forces of Russia's Tsar Peter the Great take Narva in Russia.
- 1823 — French forces storm the Trocadero and enter Cadiz in Spain.
- 1871 — Basutoland is united with Cape Colony, South Africa.
- 1876 — Turkey's Sultan Murad V is deposed on plea of insanity and is succeeded by Abdul Hamid II.
- 1900 — British forces under Frederick Roberts occupy Johannesburg, South Africa.
- 1910 — Austria-Russian convention on Persia, Afghanistan and Tibet is signed, which aligns Russia with Britain and France against central powers.
- 1918 — Bolshevik troops attack British embassy in Petrograd, Russia.
- 1922 — Czech-Serb-Croat alliance is signed at Marienbad.
- 1923 — Italy occupies Corfu in Greece.
- 1939 — Attempts by French Premier Daladier and British Prime Minister Chamberlain to negotiate with Adolf Hitler of Germany fail.
- 1942 — German General Rommel renews offensive against British at Alam Halfa in North Africa in World War II but is driven back to original lines.
- 1962 — Trinidad and Tobago become independent nation within British Commonwealth.
- 1968 — Polish Labour leaders sign agreements with communist government establishing for first time in a Soviet-bloc nation the rights to strike and to establish free trade unions.
- 1986 — Moscow's secret police hold US correspondent Nicholas Daniloff on spying allegations, and his wife calls it a frame-up.
- 1987 — Government and opposition officials in South Korea agree on revising constitution to clear way for direct presidential elections and other reforms.

Killings silence an outspoken Colombian university

By Tom Wells

MEDELLIN, Colombia. (AP) Eight professors and eight students have been shot to death in the past year, allegedly by right-wing death squads, in a campaign of terror aimed at halting left-wing activism at Medellin's University of Antioquia.

It has succeeded. There has been a steady exodus of students since the killings began; 39 professors have resigned. Textbooks that might be thought to contain radical ideas have been removed.

A great silence has fallen on a university that once prided itself on an outspoken faculty and student body.

Violence
"Having an opinion is a crime," said Dr. Clemencia Hoyos, a law professor. "No one wants to talk now about social problems for fear of being killed."

Violence had been frequent on the Antioquia campus, until two years ago when demonstrating students set fire to a car on campus. Two nuns happened to be in the randomly selected vehicle and they burned to death.

The incident drew national attention and campus violence, which often included bombings by students, came to a halt.

The incident also attracted the attention of death squads, according to professors interviewed.

Death squads have been linked to the killing of more than 800 people in Colombia in the last two years. So far not a single arrest has been made in any of the deaths.

Vigilantes are common in Colombia's small towns and rural areas where hooded men mete out justice frequently to cattle thieves and bandits.

Except for a few isolated cases, vigilantes left universities alone. Then starting last year, the vigilante-style killings came to Antioquia — the latest Aug. 6.

All of the eight students slain were known radicals who made no secret of helping make bombs or setting them off, according to a half dozen university professors interviewed by the Associated Press.

The eight professors killed had been active in demonstrations to get a university rector replaced or were outspoken in their class-

rooms when it came to criticizing government agencies, the interviewees said.

Gunmen drove through the garage door at the home of one of the professors and shot him to death in front of his wife and children.

Other victims were snatched off streets.

Torture
Their bodies, with hands tied behind their backs and showing signs of torture, were found along highways outside of town. Each victim had been shot in the back of the head. Some had their fingernails pulled out.

In the plaza of the 167-year-old university, students in the past customarily spoke out on a range of issues in Colombia — alleged government corruption, illegal arrests, and poverty.

Antioquia students have a historical reputation as being the most radical of any university in Colombia.

Attacks by students and professors on the country's political system had earned the university a reputation in Colombia as a hotbed of Marxists, leftist guerrillas and

terrorists.

One professor, asking to remain anonymous for reasons of personal safety, estimated that about 80 per cent of the 16,000-member student body is leftist.

Politics on campus range from anarchists and revolutionaries to those who would like to see a socialist government in Colombia, but who are not violent.

Before the killings, student orators were free to talk on any subject. A speech urging students to join Colombia's estimated 10,000 leftist guerrillas might have been followed by one demanding more academic freedom.

Silent
Now, however, students talk in hushed tones and fall silent when a stranger draws near.

Since the killings began, 1,350 students have left the university, said the rector, Dr. Luis Javier Arroyave.

Thirty-eight professors have resigned in fear of their lives, according to Dr. Beatriz Ortiz, president of the 860-member University of Antioquia Professors Association.

Dr. Maria Teresa Uribe, a

professor at the school of social sciences, said some professors have replaced classroom texts that might be considered sources of radical thought.

Students stare numbly when asked to comment on a social issue, she said.

Uribe noted that death threats had prompted her to stop writing a weekly column in Medellin's leading newspaper, El Colombiano.



Hassan Fathi takes his goats to hospital on a donkey. The Brooke hospital in Egypt was founded in 1934 and has treated over 250,000 animals.

Charity-funded animal hospital thrives in Cairo

By John Rogers

CAIRO: A truck hit Wagdi Fikri's donkey and apparently broke its leg.

"If it's fractured, I'll put it to sleep. If not I will treat it," said veterinary surgeon Salah Fahmi as the animal was put into his donkey ambulance by a hydraulic hoist.

He offered Fikri, a garbage man, eight pounds (four dollars) in compensation for having his donkey out of action.

Fahmi, who works for the Brooke Hospital for animals, is a volunteer outsider in the slums of Mokattam where the garbage men, called 'Zebelen', live.

Grubby children hail him as 'doctor'. Zebelen with sick donkeys stop at points on his daily route for open-air clinics — antiseptic sprayed on saddle-sores, perhaps, or a quick jab in the neck to inoculate an animal against tetanus.

Fahmi shouts 'bravo' to the driver of a garbage-laden cart rattling past.

"He's keeping his donkeys especially well," he says. Another gets a 'bravo' for not using a stick.

Fahmi has worked 13 years for the Brooke Hospital, a charity founded by a British animal-lover before World War Two and kept thriving by — at least in part — old ladies.

It has clinics in Alexandria, on the Mediterranean coast, and Luxor in southern Egypt.

Jordan's Princess Alia opened the first Brooke clinic outside Egypt on March 30 in the ancient rock city of Petra, a popular tourist site.

The Brooke Hospital appears to have several advantages over government-run clinics, including money from abroad.

It's £100,000 to 200,000 (\$180,000 to 360,000) annual budget is funded by some 3,000 donors — mostly British and mostly women.

"We do have lots of old ladies. They're very, very important," says Richard Searight, organising secretary and grandson of the army general's wife who founded the hospital.

Dorothy Brooke came to Egypt in 1930 and was distressed by the state of survivors among 20,000 cavalry horses sold off by the British army in Egypt after World War One.

She raised funds and devoted her time to having the horses destroyed. In 1934, she founded the hospital, which has since treated over 250,000 animals.

Apart from running mobile clinics in Cairo's teeming markets and Zebelen slums, the hospital can handle up to 134 horses and donkeys as inpatients and dozens convalescing or awaiting slaughter. It has surgery for sheep, goats and dogs.

Most patients are injured in traffic. Some are worked too hard or otherwise maltreated. There were 670 'destruction cases' last year in Cairo and 120 in Luxor and Alexandria.

"We give them a good send-off. We give them seven luxurious days before putting them down," said Searight.

"We've done that since the 1930s." Animals in great pain are killed immediately.

Treatment is free of charge and the hospital compensates owners of animals fit only for slaughter which would otherwise be worked to death. A don-

key owner might be given 25 to 50 pounds (\$12 to 24).

"We offer to buy the animal," says Hassan Sami, deputy director of the hospital. "They trust us. They know it's of no benefit for us to take it. We don't take any animal by force."

Payment is needed because many owners are too poor to let their animals off work for treatment, even for a day.

"We regard ourselves as half dealing with animals, half with humans because we affect the family finances so much," said Searight. "We help their economy by keeping the animals on the road."

Most Zebelen are Christians, and children often drive the donkey carts.

Fahmi brings pictures of Jesus riding on a donkey into Sunday schools in Zebelen communities.

"I tell them: don't keep the animals without water. Let them rest on the road," he said.

For long-term improvement in the way animals are treated, it is the children who are important, says Searight.

"Adults are much more difficult to change. Children you can work with."

By Marcia Bliss Marks

PEKING — I kept hearing hoofbeats under my head — back and forth, back and forth. It was not yet dawn and we were stretched out on bedding on the second floor of an abandoned farmhouse.

The night had been a restless one — a long, futile watch at the window, then to bed, only to be awakened by Xiao Wei, a graduate student doing field research, to glimpse the shadowy bulk of one takia after another emerging from the forest to lick salt and romp in a mud puddle.

I got to the window just in time to see two huge creatures exiting from the floor beneath us, where they had been looking for more salt. The second of the two stopped, and slowly, deliberately, turned his head around. He stared, and then, with immense dignity, snorted and moved on again. His rump looked as broad as the proverbial barn door beneath me. It was unimaginable that he could slip so silently through the bamboo undergrowth.

Takia are a protected species related to the musk ox, with moose-like faces, shaggy coats, and thick curled-back horns. They inhabit much of the same environment as the giant panda, but because they are vastly less appealing in looks and somewhat less endangered, they have not attracted the same worldwide attention. In Sichuan Province's Tangjiahe Nature Reserve, however, they are under intense study.

Tangjiahe, about 400 square kilometres (150 square miles) of rugged mountains, is one of a dozen or so nature reserves set up to protect the giant panda. Of the three we visited in Sichuan, it was the most uninhabited (by humans), and, in mid-autumn with the turning leaves stitching breathtaking broadcades on the slopes, the most beautiful.

Access roads built into two main valleys in 1965 and a small cluster of buildings, including accommodation for foreign scientists, were hand-me-downs from logging days. Local inhabitants had been successfully moved out since the establishment of the reserve in 1978 (a feat not yet managed at the other reserves we visited).

Wolong Nature Reserve and Jiuzhaigou Nature Reserve). A birder's paradise, Tangjiahe is also home to a number of rare mammals, including the giant panda, takia, and golden monkey. Although we visited a field research station and climbed to higher elevations, we never caught sight of the elusive giant panda or golden monkey.

We did, however, come upon fresh panda droppings, which a worker from the field station carefully put into plastic bags for analysis, and saw where the

Exclusive bamboo-shoot diet leading to decline

Saving the panda: a world-wide challenge



The dearth of bamboo species and the destruction of habitat through logging and agriculture have caused starvation and possible extinction for the panda.

panda had been chewing on the bamboo.

In its over 3 million years of existence, the giant panda, called a living fossil, has evolved two specializations for eating bamboo: forepaws adapted for grasping stems through the addition of a sixth digit, or thumb, and teeth that are broad and flat for crushing bamboo.

Unfortunately, the panda's reliance on an exclusive diet of bamboo, has led to its peril. The death of bamboo species and the destruction of habitat through logging and agriculture have caused starvation. The panda's low-quality diet forces it to forage at intervals day and night, rest much and, when active, concentrate on keeping its stomach filled.

Reproduction is slow; pandas conceive after 6-12 years and raise one cub every two years. If two babies are born, the mother raises only one.

Some scientists feel the panda has lost its sense of struggle and has become complacent without the adaptability needed to survive. They say the panda, highly specialized for a highly localised source of food, provides a living blueprint for extinction. Thus, saving the panda has become a worldwide challenge.

The World Wildlife Fund (WWF) has taken this lovable creature as its representative. WWF has also pumped money and expertise into China's panda reserves. One of these is Wolong Nature Reserve, 2,000 square kilometres (770 square miles), established in 1963. Farming, logging, hunting,

and livestock grazing had degraded the giant panda's habitat at Wolong. But in 1975 logging was halted, and in 1980 a breeding and research station was set up in cooperation with the WWF. Ten pandas were in residence at the time of our visit, including the baby of them all, Lan Tian (Blue Sky), the first panda born at Wolong through artificial insemination. He is now a bouncy, tumbling, tame one-year-old.

The pandas live well, with house, playground, and plenty of food. When Qiu Xianmeng, their veterinarian, calls them by name, they come.

Mr Qiu took us to an area where year-round field research on the ecology of giant pandas and other wildlife is carried out. The mountain trail wound through densely moss-draped evergreens and tall rhododendron. The leaf-strewn path was etched in white, the serenity of the surroundings occasionally quickened by gleaming red birches.

Midway, our guide got out his listening apparatus to monitor the movements of pandas wearing radio collars — two red pandas and two giant pandas. We could hear the tick-ticks, faster or slower, depending on how active the animals were. We could tell the direction, but we would have a long, probably fruitless climb through thick underbrush to find any. Red pandas, small raccoon-like creatures, are notoriously elusive, and giant pandas are nearly as hard to come upon.

We climbed to a tent used by the young researchers for night observation. Gauges marked precipitation levels, and our guide carefully took notes — as he had all along the way — of birds sighted and, of course, the condition of various species of bamboo. The giant panda's habitat was indeed nearly inaccessible, yet beautiful.

Later that day we returned to reserve headquarters. A drive alongside the rushing, rock-filled Pitiao River to the reserve's high pass at Balangshan, 4,487 metres (14,717 feet) above sea-level, showed how difficult, if not impossible, it would be to clear the reserve of its more than 3,000 local inhabitants. This was a main truck and bus route cutting right through the reserve's centre. The reserve had built a power station to generate electricity, and houses and a school on its fringes, but residents refused to move.

The third major panda reserve we visited had a reputation as a tourist attraction rather than a serious research centre. Jiuzhaigou, covering 600 square kilometres, was established in 1978 and is a fantasy of water landscapes. Our route there took us past team after team of gold prospectors working the river with huge hoses to dredge the sand, and gracious, fretworked, wooden houses festooned with hanging clusters of corn. Racks and trees were draped with everything from beans to cabbage to persimmons, all air-drying for winter consumption. Pairs of oxen were plowing the fields. The residents were dressed in traditional costume, the women in gowns of rainbow colours, the men in belted swaggar coats, all topped off with flat-brimmed hats and tall,

perky feathers. The attraction of Jiuzhaigou is its abundance of water — broad waterfalls and nearly continuous lakes. Particularly incredible was sight of clumps of trees and shrubs amid the fast-moving waters. The lakes are very clear reflecting mirrors, kaleidoscopes of cobalt blues, emerald greens, and deep purples.

The reserve's managers are entirely engrossed in matters of tourism — from clearing up litter to construction of a Tibetan-style guest house. Managing tourists is, in a way, protecting wildlife. Indeed, there seems to be progress along that line; driving along the roads we encountered large flocks of pheasants that were in no hurry to disperse.

Jiuzhaigou's extraordinary beauty, like that of other once-remote areas, was taken for granted by its inhabitants, who didn't realize its potential for tourism. Only in recent years have such areas been "discovered" and marked for development. The Chinese have taken to travel with a vengeance, and Jiuzhaigou has become a must for all semi-adventurers.

From Jiuzhaigou, we made our way back to Chengdu, the provincial capital. Our mission was to pay a visit to Mei Mei, champion panda mother, at the Chengdu Zoo. Six of Mei Mei's offspring are still living, and she is such a steady producer that zoo officials now take her cubs away at about seven months so she can give birth every year. (Normally the young leave their mother at about 18 months.)

Mei Mei is one of more than 10 pandas at the zoo. Although they are well taken care of and the zoo's reproduction programme is supported by WWF, it is disturbing to see these wild creatures so confined — more so even than at the Wolong research station.

Watching Mei Mei, a smallish female, I noticed her pigeon-toed gait. A zoo panda expert explained that it helped her plow through bamboo thickets as she foraged in the wild.

I was reminded once again of the curious relationship between beast and food source, still a mystery that is tied up in the scientific guessing-game of whether the giant panda is more closely related to the raccoon or the bear. Such things are for scientists to ponder, and the literature on the subject has done little but exacerbate the controversy. Meanwhile, the creature is the focus of international conservation efforts and one of Sichuan's most precious inhabitants.

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Love... with a little human help

By Delthia Ricks

LOS ANGELES (UPI): She gave him a sideways glance like the ones sailors recall in their reveries on lonely nights at sea.

This season, so it seemed, was favouring love and courtship, forcing an ancient ritual scripted in their genes — hearts pounding, blood flowing faster. The urges were far beyond their control.

And even though this couple was a pair of canvasback ducks, they were in love and relished every minute of it.

"Once he takes on that color, she's attracted to him," said Dr Warren Thomas, director of the Los Angeles Zoo.

"But he has to do more than that," Thomas said of the colourful display of plumage

taken on in breeding season by the male canvasback. "He has to get himself into showbiz — head bobbing and struts. It's one thing to get her attention. It's another to pair-bond."

Thomas, a veterinarian, monitors courtship and breeding practices of all of the zoo's animals.

Many, from birds to primates, are in danger of becoming extinct in the wild, making courtship and subsequent mating all the more important in zoos, even if the attraction between animals sometimes requires a nudge or two from humans.

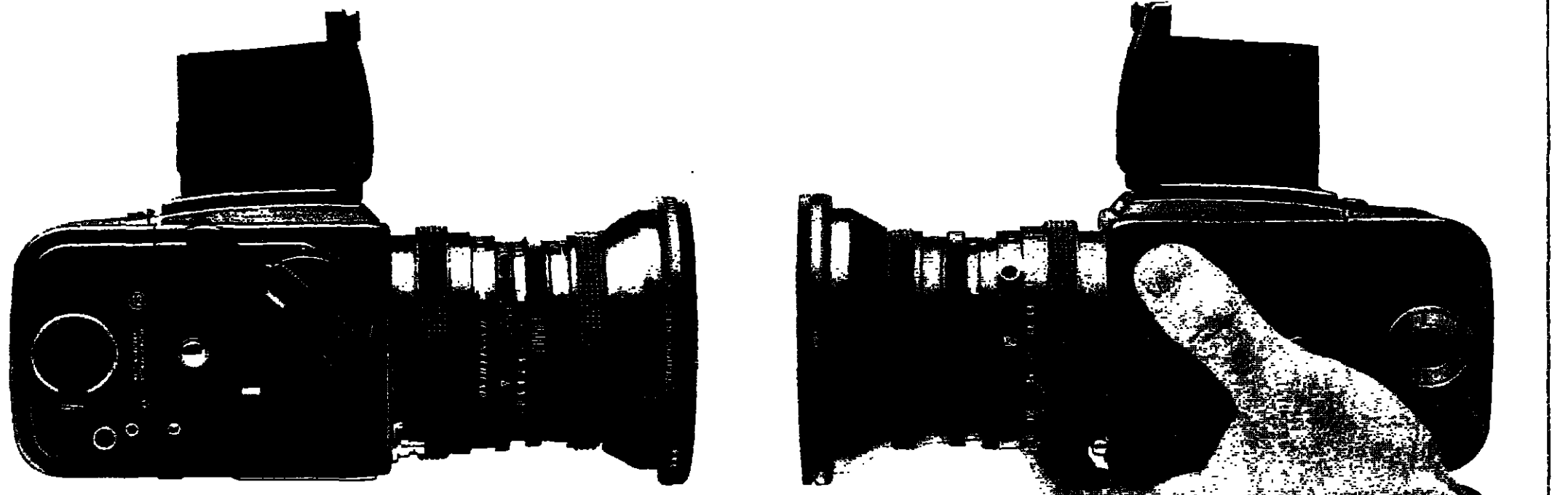
"We really have no problem with the chimpanzees," Thomas explained, "but the gorillas are much more difficult. You have to be careful about how you work them together."

In the old days, when we brought them out of the wild, they identified with people and not other gorillas. So we've learned to break that to help them breed in captivity," he said.

Some of the animals bred in zoos are returned to the wild in attempts to increase populations dwindling because of human encroachment of natural habitats, especially in developing countries. Others are bred and returned to the wild to ensure thriving populations that may have once been decimated by poaching.

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OUTLOOK

By Kathy Cuddihy

I HAVE a washing machine which its manufacturers describe as "the appliance of science." Believe me, this is not just empty advertising hype. This machine is so sophisticated that I swear it has a mind of its own. Any machine that throws a mechanical tantrum as soon as the warranty expires is not just smart, it's calculating. The maddening thing is that the machine only gets used during the summer months, so it didn't even put in a full year's work.

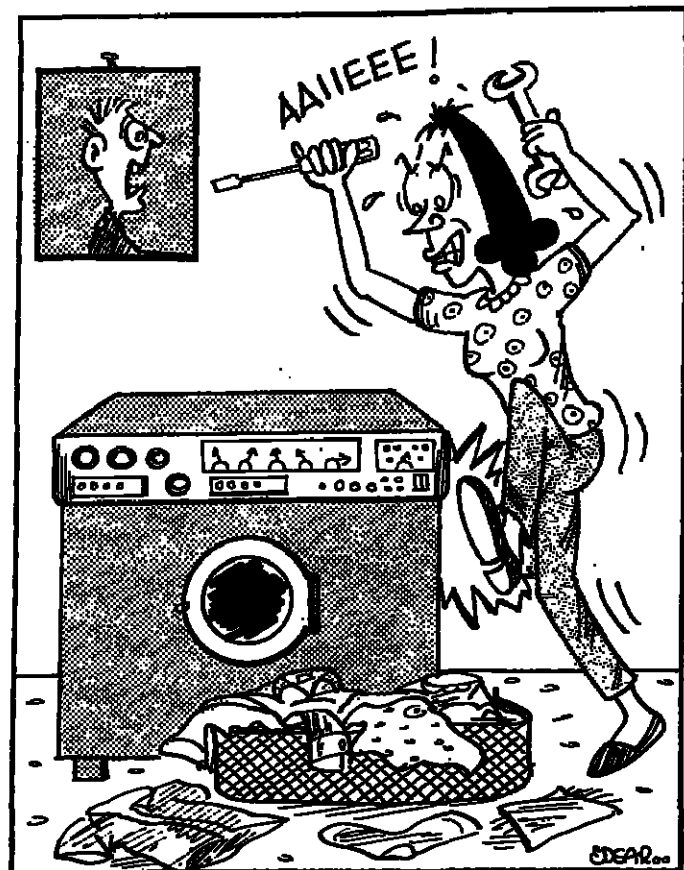
Since our Irish cottage is located in the most rural areas, persuading repair men to come out to diagnose a wonky washer seldom meets with an enthusiastic response. Inevitably it incurs inconvenient delays.

"Sure I could possibly be makin' it your way sometime next week," volunteers the congenial service representative who lives 1 1/2 hours away.

"Possibly?" I stutter. "SOMETIME next week? I don't think you understand my problem. I don't just have a malfunctioning machine. I have a house full of kids who produce more dirty clothes than even an appliance of science can handle without feeling a little breathless at times. My laundry is piling up faster than the national debt. You can't abandon me like this in my hour of need." But of course he can, and he invariably does.

In self-defence, let me say at this point that the washing machine isn't the only one in the house with a mind of its own. I may be not programmed to be the same intricate level as my temperamental washer, but my primitive, unimaginative forms of

Washday blues



retaliation have usually proven to be pretty effective. A basic, well-placed kick used to work quite nicely until my appliance of science overcame this ploy and created a quirk less easy to remedy. Then I discovered that the appearance of a screwdriver worked even better than a kick. The mere threat of me and my inexperience tampering with its innards would get the machine to hastily rethink its strategy of stubbornness.

Disembowelment doesn't appeal to any of us, least of all to sophisticated circuitry.

Over the years, my machine and I have come to the conclusion that it is mutually advantageous to develop cautious tolerance

for one another. Now it hardly ever shrinks clothes or eats socks, and I hardly ever swear to trade it in for a regular, hard-working model that makes no pretense about being a scientific wonder.

Nevertheless, there have been dangerous lapses. Like the time when the machine chose to throw one of its temperamental tantrums on a day when I was already plagued by too many of Life's "downs." The wretched bucket of high-tech bolts had brought me to the verge of tears of frustration by refusing to even acknowledge that it was programmed to wash clothes, not act like a prima ballerina.

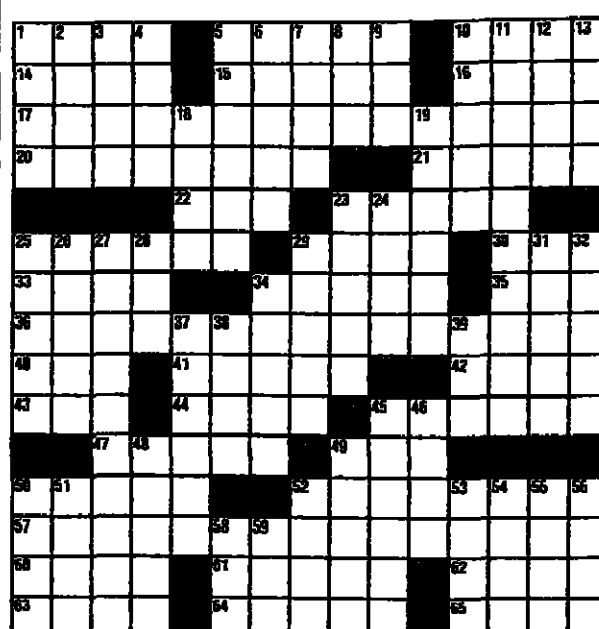
Then, with a better sense of timing than that shown by the washing machine,

one of Life's little "ups" occurred: some visitors arrived. Any by golly, wasn't one of them a most able handyman. He quickly produced screw-drivers, wrenches, and other related paraphernalia without giving a moment's thought to any sensitivities harboured by what he considered to be a mere machine. He effectively manipulated wires, turned screws, and pushed buttons until at last he announced, "There you are. It's as good as new." This, of course, was a dubious accolade since even in its new condition it showed disturbing signs of an over-bred nature. Still, the overhaul was a fine example for the supremacy of Man over Machine.

Yet even in the face of overwhelming defeat, my appliance of science still has the oomph (or the gall) to display a bit of defiance. There's nothing much it can do about the expertly overhauled wiring and whatever else it hides under its lid, but it can (and does) let me know it's still alive and kicking by periodically causing its door to jam. This means I either can't get the machine to start (because the computer chip doesn't register that it's securely locked) or I can't get the clean clothes out of the machine (because the door is so securely locked.)

But even on this point we've arrived at a compromise: if I close the door gently and then give it a reassuring nudge with my bottom, the washing gets done without any problems. It seems that even a sophisticated appliance of science needs the assurance of a little love and attention. I only hope my dryer, dishwasher and fridge/freezer, washed by the same manufacturer, don't develop similar insecurities.

TODAY'S CROSSWORD



ACROSS
1 Light
5 Neckpiece
10 Midwest gulf
14 Cruising
15 Circus figure
16 Sluggish
17 A founder of Dutch independence
20 Esme's creator
21 Painter Max
22 Set
23 Like a bag actor
25 In a pile
29 Festive occasion
30 Grenoble grain
33 Woody's son
34 Fleahy root
35 Edge
36 Way to Oz
40 Old French coin
41 Yell
42 Bulwer-Lytton heroine
43 Vessel: Abbr.
44 Transgresses
45 Unsettled
47 Type type
49 Health club
50 Long — the law
52 Sensualists
57 Eddie Cantor hit of 1926
60 Curse
61 Out of funds
62 Kazan
63 Aardvark's diet
64 Prepared fish
65 Exude

DOWN
1 Rules
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3 Gunther's
3 Dickens girl
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6 Broadway
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7 Cupid
8 Ump's kin
9 Partner of to
10 False or fire
11 Brawl
12 Ova
13 Red denial
18 "Picnic" author
19 Comment
23 Wort
24 Templeton
25 Helen or Roland
26 Build
27 Fascination
28 Ward heeler
29 Mystic teachers
31 Jungle vine
32 West German
34 Steak choice
37 Harden
38 Jot
39 Estuary
45 Added flavors
46 Cab
48 Earning sites
49 "Thus — Zarathustra"
50 Swedish rock group
51 Tatum's dad
52 North Carolina college
53 Over, to Fritz
54 Disturb
55 Spooky-sounding lake
56 Mt. Rushmore site
58 Tide type
59 Family member, briefly

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GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF

BRIDGE BY ROTE

Neither vulnerable. South deals.

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EAST

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♥ 9 8 5 3 2

♦ Q 10 8 4

♣ 5 3

SOUTH

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The bidding:

South West North East

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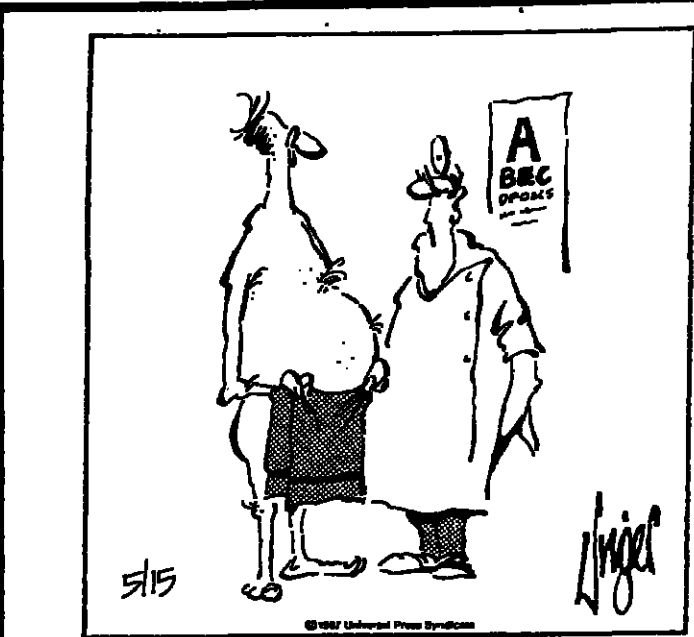
The trouble with knowing all those rubrics about what you should do at the bridge table is that you tend to follow them slavishly. They represent useful guidelines, but are no substitute for thought and logic. If you would like to test your defensive skill, cover the West and South hands and presume you are defending three no trump. The auction tells you little other than that

the declaring side is not stretching for game.

Partner leads the two of spades. If you blindly follow the dictums that you should play third hand high and return partner's suit, you would go up with the king of spades and, when that held, return the suit.

Third hand high is sound advice here. But what does partner's lead of the deuce tell you? That he has only a four-card suit. Even if that suit is headed by the ace-jack, you will still need tricks elsewhere if you are to beat the game. Therefore, a spade return will not help your side. It is time to cast around for greener pastures, and diamonds presents the obvious suit to furnish additional defensive tricks.

Even then, not any diamond will do. You must shift to the ten of diamonds, to cater to the possibility that declarer holds the jack and partner has a high honor. Then you will have dummy's nine surrounded, and if the layout is as above, declarer cannot get home. The best he can do is go down one by holding up the ace of diamonds twice, and conceding two spade tricks, two diamonds and a club.



"Is this the first time you've had your eyes tested?"

By Jude Byrne

DO you travel well — or do you constantly worry that you will never arrive.

Do you thrive on change, uncertainty, and the possibility of disaster. Or when you set out for a destination do you like to arrive cool, calm and collected.

Do this fun quiz and find out if you travel like a fine wine or just whine!

1. You are at the airport waiting for your flight to be called. Is your passport:

(a) clutched in your sweaty hand, even if you've already gone through passport control?
(b) with your other travel documents?
(c) where you left it... but you have checked it is still there at least six times?
(d) you aren't sure?
(e) it could still be at home. You've done that before?

2. You get lost in a foreign country. Do you:

(a) stay loose and enjoy yourself?
(b) stay calm and work out logically how to go about getting back into familiar territory?
(c) stay put and find someone authoritative to ask?
(d) panic?

3. Do you cope with foreign languages by:

(a) taking a pre-travel course at night classes?
(b) taking a phrase book?
(c) taking a phrase book from which you have already learned some key words?
(d) avoiding them. You only go where people speak your language?
(e) if at first you are not understood — shout louder?

4. You are at the airport to catch a flight to the ski slopes when a heat haze hits your resort. Do you:

(a) cancel and go home?
(b) go ahead, because you've paid?
(c) moan at the travel company?
(d) go cheerfully. You are sure to have fun anyway?
(e) go confidently. It's bound to snow in the next day or two?

5. A stranger pleads with you to deliver a birthday gift to an old aunt in the country you are going to. Do you:

(a) always like to do a good turn when you can?
(b) cross-examine them carefully before you agree?
(c) probably refuse?
(d) refuse categorically because the tale is never plausible?
(e) inform the authorities?

How well do you travel?

When you embark on a simple journey is it a worry or a routine? Do you think of your passport as a ticket to disaster or paradise? Do this fun quiz and find out how you rate as a traveller

6. You are in a poolside bar relaxing when a person of the opposite sex, who has been eyeing you cross the room, starts to close in. Do you:

(a) suddenly remember your partner back home?
(b) panic. You've heard stories about foreigners?
(c) switch the autopilot to flirt?
(d) relax and take it one pina coloda at a time?

7. You are going with a friend on a touring holiday. Do you:

(a) plan every day's journey in detail?
(b) have a rough travel plan?
(c) leave it all open to see what each day brings?
(d) let your friend decide?

8. Do you pack:

(a) only what you can take in a backpack?
(b) the smallest suitcase you possibly can?
(c) a little more than you need?
(d) a lot more than you need?
(e) enough for an army?

9. When you go away, do you:

(a) leave your home looking like a whirlwind has hit it?
(b) like to leave it reasonably tidy?
(c) like to leave it very tidy?
(d) leave everything in perfect order?

10. What do you do with your money when you travel:

(a) use travellers' cheques, hotel safes and money belts?
(b) carry as little cash as possible and rely on plastic?
(c) carry cash but hide it in different places?
(d) put it all in your wallet and hope for the best?

11. Do you think going it alone is:

(a) a little scary?
(b) extremely scary?
(c) out of the question?
(d) fraught with opportunities?
(e) the only way to go?



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What your score means
0-90: You are to travel what a mouse is to a mousetrap. You hate all the things a good traveller thrives on — uncertainty, and the unexpected, even risks.

The best advice for you is to stay at home. Why should you be pushed into making your contribution to airport overcrowding in this restless age if you don't find it any fun? Resist the glossy brochures and enjoy life — your way.

And if your job demands you should be forever on the move, think seriously about whether it is really the job for you.

95-185: You are an average traveller. You enjoy it when things go your way. But hunger, heat, an over-active mosquito population, upset tummy and wet weather all make you wonder, if it is really worth it.

You would not take a job just because it involved travelling a lot, though it would not necessarily disqualify it, either. It would be just one more factor to weigh up.

And you like your holiday travel to be done in as much comfort as you can afford, with some professional planning and booking beforehand, even if it is not the complete hand-holding courier package.

190-275: The real travellers fall into this category. You can make the best of a holiday package if getting along with the family and/or your economic circumstances mean you have to.

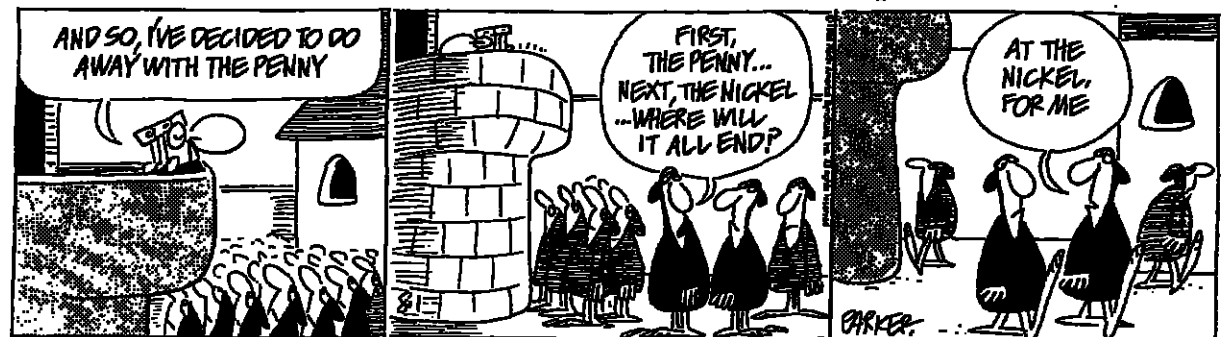
Your first choice is just to up and away as the fancy takes you. You are probably resourceful and self-reliant. You can certainly cope psychologically with anything that goes wrong and turn it from a disappointment to an adventure in your own mind.

Any job that threatened lots of travel would be promising to you. But there can be a danger in having the wanderlust.

Just make sure you are not always so keen to be somewhere else, that you forget to enjoy where you are.

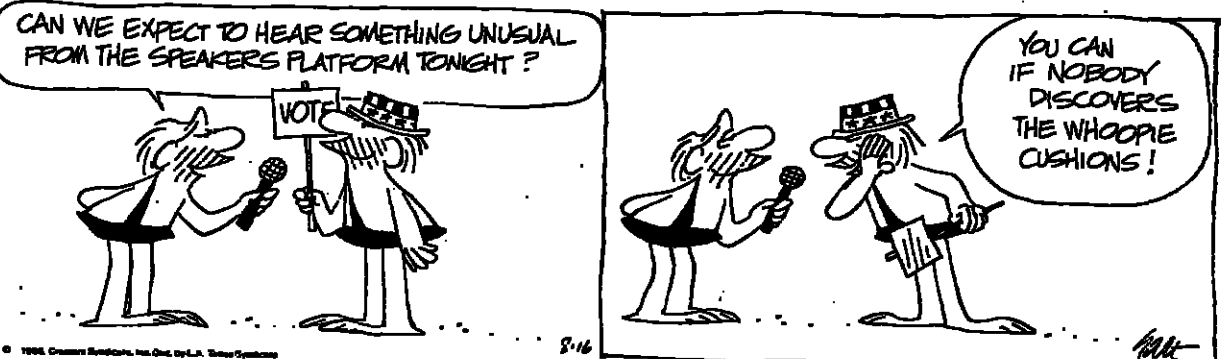
THE WIZARD OF ID

By Grant Parker and Johnny Hart



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By Johnny Hart



YOUR STARS



Aries (March 20 - April 18)
You should work hard but do not allow work to encroach upon your private life. You must not give up too soon nor must you allow yourself to be discouraged. Try to exercise just a little more self-control. Be firm.



Taurus (April 19 - May 19)
You will be able to make good progress with a matter that has been stagnating of late. You should try to avoid jumping to conclusions. A personal matter will have to deal with without delay. Be positive.



Gemini (May 20 - June 20)
You will be able to solve a problem that has been foxing you. Make sure you are sure, do not rely on guesswork. You will know just how to deal with a rather intransigent person. Be considerate.



Cancer (June 21 - July 21)
You will tend to get tired rather easily so try to conserve your energies. Do all that has to be done to maintain harmony with your partner. Act quickly if you do not want to lose a good opportunity. Be moderate.



Leo (July 22 - Aug. 21)
You will succeed in doing something that you have been unable to do before. You should make sure you get enough rest and avoid driving without due care and attention. Be generous.



Virgo (Aug. 22 - Sept. 21)
Today all will be well but only if you keep your mind on the job in hand. You should not try to do things by force nor should you do things in too great a rush. If you keep calm and let others have their say you will be well rewarded.



Libra (Sept. 22 - Oct. 22)
Not everything will be to your liking but nonetheless you will be able to make the most of things. You should not be in too much of a hurry but that does not mean you should hesitate. A friend will appreciate your moral support.



Scorpio (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21)
You will be able to do something that you have been unable to do before. You should make sure you do not eat too many sweet things and that you get enough vitamins. Avoid trying to run before you have learnt to walk. Be sincere.



Sagittarius (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21)
Today all will be well but only if you keep your mind on the job in hand. You should not try to do things by force nor should you do things in too great a rush. If you keep calm and let others have their say you will be well rewarded.



Capricorn (Dec. 22 - Jan 19)
You will find the solution to a problem that has been bothering you. You will tend to get tired rather easily so try to conserve your energies. Persuasion and charm will get you much further than would a show of force.



Aquarius (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18)
Today it is even more important not to allow yourself to be distracted. You should also persevere with what you are doing. You will have something to be pleased about, but no smugness. Be cordial.



Pisces (Feb. 19 - March 19)
You should try to be somewhat more careful about your expenditure. Your intuitions are liable to lead you astray so do not rely on them. Have a little more faith in yourself. Be cordial.

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70/1	70/0	S DIEG G-E	34/7	34/7	XEROX CORP	53/6	53/7
19/2	19/2	SALOMON	23/6	23/7	XTRA INC	33/3	33/6
30/4	30/4	SARA LEE	39/5	39/5	ZAPATA	2/7	2/7
20/0	20/1	SC ATLANTA	10/4	10/4	ZAYRE CORP	22/1	21/7
20/4	20/5	SCOTT PPR	36/0	35/7	ZENITH EL	22/0	22/0
3/2	3/2	SCOTTYS	13/0	12/6	ZERO	15/1	15/2
0	4/1						
5/5	5/6						
0	16/2						
36/6	36/6						
23/2	23/4						

Dow Jones Plus Indices

	LAST	CHANGE	HIGH	LOW
IND	2,033.25	- 8.18	2,043.21	2,032.54
TRANS	849.61	- 0.30	851.85	849.16
UTILS	178.22	- 0.36	178.82	178.05
STOCKS	761.85	- 2.04	764.65	761.58
NYSE COMP	148.21	- .34		
S-P COMPOSITE	261.62	- 0.71		
NYSE INDS	178.30	- 0.46		
AMEX INDEX	294.50	- 0.55		

25/5	25/6	NASD FIN'L	460.20	+ 0.44
1/4	1/5	NASD INDS	378.76	- 0.83
43/1	43/2	S-P 100 INDEX	248.82	- 0.77

Wall Street Statistics "Composite"					
HIGHEST VOLUME			HIGHEST VOLUME		
PTL	13 3/8	+ 1/8	DONE PETE	1 7/64	- 1/64
R	41 5/8	- 1/8	CHART MED	36 1/2	-
R	13 3/4	UNCH	CORP CONS	8	- 1/8
LC	11 1/2	- 1/8	DAMSON OIL	3 3/32	+ 1/32
R	37 3/8	- 1 1/8	INTL THORO	5/8	+ 1/16
R	18 3/4	- 1/8	ORGANOGENE	19 1/4	+

				TEXAS AIR	11 5/8	UNCH
				CARNIVAL	13 1/8	UNCH
				HELM RES	11/16 +	1/8
	36 1/2	+ 1/8				
	29	+ 1/2				
		- 1/2				
GEST	PER CENT	CHANGE		AMEX LARGEST PER CENT	CHANGE	
CP.	3 5/8	+ 3/8		NEW WORLD	2 3/4 +	1/4
	26 5/8	+ 1/8		MARS GRAPH	3	+ 1/4
	2 1/8	+ 1/8		WELLS CORP	2 1/4 +	1/8
ALK	8 3/4	- 1 1/4		AMER TECH	4	- 1/2
	3 5/8	- 1/4		GREATER WA	4 1/2 -	1/2
LINE		36,746,800		AMEX VOLUME		3,003,400
P		409		STOCKS UP		129
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International Bond Highlights

London — The Japan Development Bank is issuing a 200 mln dir eurobond due October 20, 1993 paying 9-5/8 pct and priced at 101-5/8 pct, lead manager Bank of Tokyo Capital Markets Ltd said.

London — Dai-ichi Kangyo Bank (Australia) Ltd launched a 150 mln dir four-year Eurobond paying 9-5/8 pct and priced at 101-3/4 pct, bookrunner and joint-lead manager Shearson Lehman Hutton International said (RTX 0854).

London — Nippon Credit Bank Ltd is issuing a five-year 150 mln dir Eurobond paying 9-3/4 pct and priced at 101-5/8 pct, lead manager Nippon Credit International Ltd said (RTX 0747).

Frankfurt — CB Finance Co BV, Amsterdam, a wholly-owned unit of Commerzbank AG, is issuing a 300 mln mark five-year Eurobond, the bank said as sole lead manager (RTX 0842).

London — The coupons on two four-year warrant bond issues — a 50 mln dir deal for Yuasa Shoji Co Ltd and one of the same size for Iwata Machinery Ltd — were indicated at 5-1/4 pct, the highest level so far this year, lead manager for both bonds, Nomura International Ltd said (RTX 1025, RTZ 1028).

Zurich — Japan's Toyama Chemical Co Ltd is issuing 100 mln Swiss Francs five-year notes with equity warrants, lead manager Credit Suisse said (RTW 0731).

Interbank Rates

CALL	ONE MONTH	THREE MONTHS
LUN 12-1/8 11-7/8	4.90/5.12	12-5/16 3/16
FF 3.50/75	4.90/5.12	5.20/50
PAR 7-1/16 9/16	7-1/2 5/8	7-13/16 15/16
ZUR 1-5/8 1-7/8	3-1/4 3-1/2	3-1/2 3-3/4
IND 7.15	7-1/16 1-1/8	7-7/16 1/2
ROM 10-10-1/2	10-5/8 10-1/8	11-1/8 11-5/8
AMS 5-3/8 5-1/2	5-7/16 5-9/16	5-5/8 5-1/2
YOK 3.8750 9375	4.1875 2500	4.0625 1250
EDU 6.87 7.12	7.37 7.50	7.68 7.81

Interest Rates

Period	Bid	Offered
1 month	6-1/16	6-3/8
3 months	6-1/8	6-7/16
6 months	6-3/16	6-1/2
1 year	6-3/16	6-9/16

BOMBAY

PR. CLOSE	OPEN	CLOSE	GLINDIA	64.75	54.50	55.25	NICD	570	570	572.50
230	282	232.50	GRASIN	46.50	46.25	46	MUKAM	87	88	86
163.75	162.50	162.50	GRSC	102	102.50	103	NOCIL	535	535	540
257.50	257.50	257.50	WIND LEVER	146	145	145	ORRAY	23	23	24
230	218.50	218.50	HINDALCO	67	67.50	67.50	PEICO	28	27	28
103	101.50	101.50	HINDCO	94	95.50	94	PRIZER	55	54.50	55
88.50	90	91	HINDMOTOR	25.50	25.50	26.50	RAYMOND	53	52.50	54
594.68	585.07	585.07	IND ORG	27.50	27.50	29.50	RELIANCE	191	194	195.50
932.50	930	937.50	INDRAYTON	65.50	64.75	64.25	SIEMENS	74	74.50	76
220	223.75	225	INDROL	146.25	145	147.50	SPIC	46	47	44.75
37	37.50	37	ITC	39	38	39	STDMILLS	242.50	237.50	240
50	49	50	JYKSTN	66.75	67	66.50	TATA PWR	217.50	215	217.50
116.25	116.25	115	L AND T	99.50	100	102	TATACHEN	73	72.50	73
17	17	17	MAHINDRA	58	57	57.50	TELCO	661.35	665	661.25
75	74.50	74	MASTERSHR	10.25	10.12	10.25	TISCO	823.75	825	830
27.50	27.50	27.50	MATERN PL	62.50	61	62	VOLTA	340	332.50	340

TOKYO

STOCK	LAST PR. CLSE	NITSUB CR	1100	1100
AKAI ELEC	2960	2960	NITSUB EL	910
AKAI	602	605	NITSUB IYV	2320
ASAHI GLS	910	913	NITSUB CO	850
ASAHI OPT	1900	1900	NITSUBKSHI	1870
BANK TOKYO	680	690	NITSUB EL	1050
BRIDGESTON	1560	1540	NOCIL	1290
CANON	1300	1270	NOCIL CHY	790
CASIO COMP	1480	1450	NIP ELEC	2080
CHUBAI PHM	1380	1400	NIP KOKAN	649
CITIZEN W	831	792	NIP OIL	1100
D-ICHI KAN	2940	2900	NIP STEEL	671
DAI NIP IK	788	755	NIP YUSEN	700
DAI NIP PT	2610	2540	NIS MOTOR	1130
DAI NIP SC	1080	1060	NOMURA SEC	3590
DAI NIP TO	826	810	ORCA CO	925
DATCEL	830	827	OLYMPUS	1070
DAIWA H	1970	1970	PENTA OCN	834
DAYMA SEC	2280	2280	PIONEER	3550
EBRA MFG	928	920	REMOAN	930
ETSAI	1980	1970	RICOH	1280
FUJITSU	1750	1760	SANKYO	2070
FUJI BANK	3130	3110	SANYO ELEC	670
FUJI PHOTO	3730	3730	SEIYU ST	2180
FUJISAMA	1820	1800	SEKISUI PB	1690
HITACHI CP	713	712	SHARP	1120
HITACHI	1690	1670	SHISEIDO	1710
HONDA MOT	2090	2070	SHOYU	6690
ISUZU	2210	2250	SUNITON	1040
ITO YOKADA	4200	4200	TAISEI	880
JAP SYN RU	1110	1110	TAISHO HRN	1070
JAPAN AIR	14400	14400	TAKEDA CR	2730
JAPAN NET	615	621	TEIJIN	770
KAJIMA	1430	1410	TOD NEW IX	141.49
KANSAI EL	3020	3020	TOKIO MNR	1960
KAO SOAP	1740	1700	TOKYO ELEC	1230
KAWASAKI H	602	608	TOKYO GAS	1200
KAWASAKI S	709	700	TOKYO PWR	5780
KIRIN BEV	1940	1890	TORAY IND	808
KOMATSU	727	750	TOYOTA EL	1050
KUBOTA LTD	718	731	TOYOTA	2040
KYOCERA	5680	5700	TOYO KNOG	670
MAKITA EL	1680	1640	TOYOTA MOT	2610
MARUI	2990	3000	YAMADA	1350
MATSUBA EL	2610	2650	YAMATTECH	1760
MATSUBA EL	0	2640	YAMAMOTO	4130
NEIJI SEIK	965	967	YANAZAKI	1460

Tokyo Stock Market Report

TOKYO STOCKS REBOUND, CLOSE HIGHER — SHARE PRICES CLOSED HIGHER, WITH A LATE AFTERNOON RALLY BRINGING THE MARKET OUT OF ITS LOSS AS SOME INSTITUTIONAL INVESTORS WORRIED ABOUT THE MARKET FALLING TOO MUCH AND OTHERS LOOKED FOR BARGAINS, BROKERS SAID.

"THERE IS REALLY NOT MUCH STRENGTH IN THE MARKET. NO ONE IS INTERESTED IN INVESTING AT THE MOMENT," ONE BROKER SAID.

MOST INVESTORS ARE WAITING TO SEE IF INTEREST RATES WILL CONTINUE TO RISE, HE ADDED.

THE NIKKEI INDEX GAINED 132.55 POINTS, OR 0.48 PCT, TO 27,511.65. IT FELL 299.81 POINTS ON MONDAY. TURNOVER WAS DULL AT 450 MLN SHARES AGAINST 430 MLN.

FALLS LED RISES SLIGHTLY BY 1.1 TO ONE.

PULP/PAPER, OIL, RUBBER, PHARMACEUTICAL, BANK, WAREHOUSE, CREDIT/LEASE, PRECISION INSTRUMENT, RETAIL AND SOME MANUFACTURING SHARES LED THE GAINS.

GAS, RAILWAY/BUS, REAL ESTATE, SECURITIES HOUSE, ROLLING STOCK, AUTO, SHIPBUILDING, FISHERY, COMMUNICATIONS AND NON-LIFE INSURANCE ISSUES LED THE FALLS.

SHARE PRICES TOOK SOME UPS AND DOWNS, BEGINNING THE DAY WITH A RALLY, FALLING TO A LOW OF 27,265.78 IN MORNING TRADE AND THEN CLOSING NEAR THE DAY'S HIGH OF 27,514.55.

LOW VOLUME EXAGGERATED THE EFFECT OF ANY PRICE MOVEMENTS.

PRICES RALLIED IN OPENING TRADE ON SHARP LOSSES HERE ON MONDAY AND A 24-POINT GAIN ON WALL STREET OVERNIGHT. THIS DIED OUT, HOWEVER, DUE TO LACK OF FRESH FACTORS AND ABSENCE OF PARTICIPATION FROM INSTITUTIONAL INVESTORS IN THE MORNING.

"IT'S MAINLY SMALL LOT BUYING BY INDIVIDUALS SEARCHING FOR CHEAP THINGS," A BROKER SAID. BUT IN THE AFTERNOON INSTITUTIONS CAME IN TO HELP PROP UP THE MARKET.

A SUDGEN SURGE IN PULP/PAPER STOCK JUST BEFORE THE CLOSE ALSO HELPED THE RALLY. THEY ROSE ON REPORTS THE EMPEROR HAD A SLIGHT FEVER, BROKERS SAID. A CHANGE IN EMPERORS WOULD MEAN A NEW CALENDAR UNDER THE JAPANESE SYSTEM.

Hong Kong Market Report

HONG KONG, AUG 30, REUTER — SHARE PRICES ENDED SHARPLY LOWER IN LACKLUSTER TRADING.

THE HANG SENG INDEX SHED 25.28 POINTS, OR 1.03 PCT, TO 2,439.55 AND THE BROADEN-BASED HONG KONG INDEX WAS OFF 15.88 AT 1,610.45.

TOTAL TURNOVER SLIPPED TO 513.45 MLN H.K. DOLLARS AGAINST 659.37 MLN DOLLARS ON THE SIDELINES IN THE BEARISH ENVIRONMENT AND CUT-LOSS SELLING BY SOME FUND MANAGERS PULLED THE MARKET DOWN, A BROKER AT A BRITISH HOUSE SAID.

AMMAN

ALA-ADDIN COMPANY	OPNG	CLSG	JOR LEASING CORP.	0.66	0.62
ARAB ALUMINUM IND.			JOR LIM BRICK	0.22	0.22
ARAB BANK			JOR MANAG/CONSULT	0.50	0.50
ARAB CHEMICAL DTER	3.96	3.95	JOR NATIONAL BANK	2.51	2.52
ARAB FINANCE CORP.	1.39	1.39	JOR PAPER CARDBRDG	3.15	3.14
ARAB INSURANCE	0.83	0.90	JOR PHOSPHATE MINS	2.54	2.52
ARAB INT. INV/TRADE	0.98	0.98	JOR PIPES MANUFACT	1.22	1.24
ARAB INT. UNION INS	0.94	0.90	JOR PRESS/PUBLISH.	2.00	2.15
ARAB JOR. HOTELS	0.53	0.58	JOR PRINTING/PACK.	4.00	4.05
ARAB JOR. INVST/BK			JOR SECURIT CORP	0.76	0.73
ARAB PAPER COM/TRA	0.29	0.27	JOR SELPHO CHEM.		
ARAB PHARMA. MANF.			JOR WOOD INDUSTRY	1.12	1.11
ARAB PHARMA/CHEM	0.76	0.75	JOR WORSTED MLL	4.60	4.60
ARAB POTASH CO.			JOR. KUWAIT AGR	1.00	1.00
ARABIAN SEAS INS.	1.65	1.65	JOR. PETROLIUM REF		
BANK OF JORDAN			JOR. FRENCH INS.		
BELGIUM INSURANCE	1.00	0.95	JOR. INV. FIN. CORP		
CAIRO AMMAN BANK	28.00	28.00	JORDAN GULF REAL	0.29	0.29
CONFECT/CHOCOLATE	1.05	1.25	JORDAN GULF BANK	0.98	0.98
DAR AL SHAH PRESS			JORDAN GULF INS.	0.94	0.95
DAR ALDAMA DV/INV.			JORDAN ISLAMIC BANK	13.85	13.90
DARCO/INVEST/HOUSE			JORDAN KUWAIT BANK		
FINANCE/CREDIT/COR	3.65	3.55	JORDAN TANNING	1.97	1.97
GENERAL INSURANCE	2.39	2.63	LIVESTOCK/POULTRY	0.65	0.68
GENERAL INVESTMENT	1.40	1.36	MACH/EQUI/RENT/MAIN	0.69	0.73
GENERAL MINING.	0.75	0.75	MAS INDUSTRIES	0.60	0.40
HIMMEL MINERALS	1.26	1.25	MIDDEL EAST HOTEL	60.00	60.00
HOLY LAND INS.			MIDDEL EAST INS.	0.60	0.55
IND./MATCH JENCO	1.47	1.50	MIDDEL RESEARCH		
INDUSTRIAL DEVLPY BHK			NAT. FIN. INVEST CO	0.98	0.99
INDUSTRIAL/COM/AR.	0.75	0.75	NAT. CABLE/WIRE/MF	1.22	1.22
INDUSTRIAL INVEST.			NATIONAL ALHIA INS	0.39	0.39
INTERM.COM/INV			NATIONAL INDUSTRY	0.68	0.68
IRSID ELECTRICITY	0.85	0.86	NATIONAL PORTFOLIO		
ISLAMIC INV. HOUSE	0.64	0.64	NATIONAL STEEL		
ITERMED/PETRI/CH	0.79	0.80	ORIENT DRY BATTERY	0.25	0.28
J. TOUR-SP CONEX	1.26	1.29	PETRA BANK	1.97	2.00
JERUSALEM INS.	14.50	14.50	PETRA JOR. INS.	0.35	0.35
JOR CERAMIC FACTOR	25.01	25.05	PHILADELPHIA INS.	0.83	0.83
JOR EAGLE INS.			RAFIA INDUSTRIAL	0.75	0.75
JOR ELECTRIC POWER	0.94	0.94	REAL ESTATE INV.	0.42	0.42
JOR FINANCE HOUSE	2.50	2.30	SHIPPING LINES	0.85	0.85
JOR GLASS INDUSTRY			SPINNING WEAVING		
JOR HOTEL TOURISM	1.20	1.20	UNITED INSURANCE	0.95	0.96
JOR INDUSTRY CHEM.			UNIVERSAL CHEM. IND		
JOR INS AND FIN.			WOOLEN INDUSTRIES	0.70	0.68
			YANUKU INSURANCE	1.05	1.05

PHILIPPINES MAKATI

COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL	BUY	SELL	OPEN	LC-A	71.50	74.00	72.00
STOCK	9.20	9.30	9.30	LC-B	.45	.46	.45
AC-A	2.48	2.50	2.48	LC-C	.46	.48	.47
AC-B	2.55	2.55	2.55	LC-D	.35	.35	.34
GLD	33.50	34.00	34.00	LC-E	.35	.36	.35
PLDT	215.00	216.00	217.00	LC-F	.018	.019	.018
SPST-A	2.02	2.08	2.08	LC-G	.019	.02	.019
SPC-A	140.00	141.00	140.00	LC-H	.0032	.0034	.0034
SPC-B	220.00	220.00	220.00	LC-I	.03	.031	.03
NINING	.032	.033	.033	LC-J	.031	.032	.032
APX-A	.032	.034	.033	LC-K	.028	.029	.028
APX-B	.032	.034	.033	LC-L	.03	.031	.03
AT-A	19.50	20.00	18.75	LC-M	.03	.031	.03

Makati Stock Market Report

OFFICIAL INFORMATION	SHARES	VALUE	AVERAGES	CHANGES
COMM IND	2,096,270	17,317,870	889.71	6.85 UP
NINING	42,717,050	9,673,600	4,557.58	74.31 UP
OIL	450,450,000	6,102,150	5,308	0.172 UP
TOTAL	499,263,320	33,093,620	771.65	13.51 UP

PHILIPPINES MANILA

COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL	BUY	SELL	OPEN	LC-A	69.00	72.00	72.00
STOCK	141.00	140.00	140.00	LC-B	.45	.46	.46
SPC-A	221.00	220.00	220.00	LC-C	.46	.48	.47
SP-TIRE	37.00	37.00	37.00	LC-D	.35	.35	.34
PLDT	215.00	216.00	216.00	LC-E	.009	.0095	.0095
ANSOR-A2.46	2.50	2.46	2.46	LC-F	.018	.019	.018
AC-A	9.30	9.40	9.20	LC-G	.019	.02	.019
GLD	34.00	34.50	33.50	LC-H	.0032	.0034	.0034
FER-A	2.45	2.70	2.60	LC-I	.03	.031	.03
FER-B	2.70	2.75		LC-J	.031	.032	.031
NINING	.032	.033	.033	LC-K	.028	.029	.028
STOCK	.032	.033	.033	LC-L	.03	.031	.03
APX-A	.032	.033	.033	LC-M	.03	.031	.03
APX-B	.032	.033	.033	LC-N	.03	.031	.03
AT-A	19.50	20.00	19.25	LC-O	.03	.031	.03
AT-B	22.00	22.25	22.00	LC-P	.021	.022	.021

Manila Stock Market Report

OFFICIAL INFORMATION	SHARES	VALUE	AVERAGES	CHANGES
COMM IND	177,850	9,311,000	889.69	UP 13.02
NINING	135,208,800	10,480,020	4286.53	UP 33.00
OILS	460,050,000	7,287,350	5,592	UP 0.146
TOTAL	599,976,650	27,298,370	755.85	UP 12.74

SINGAPORE

NAME	LAST PR	CL	G LUMBER	101	96	L. K. TARI	52	52
			G TOMI		145	N FLOUR		310
AJITOMOTO	200	G	U HDLGS	-----	102	N GLASS	202	200
ALEXANDRA	185	G	ANDA HDG	34	32.5	N TIRE	54.5	54
ANAL INC	97.5	G	SEN CORP	68.5	70	N UTD INFO	135	134
ANDOL	128	125	SENTING	476	480	N UTD NFG	63.5	63.5
ADKIAN TON	135	G	OLD COON	198	200	N HSHITA		620
BA TOE	180	175	RSI	104	100	N HSHITA	59	59
C & C	245	245	GUINNESS	286	286	N MAGNUM	217	215
CARLSBERG	486		GULA	-----	28.5	N HXLT INFO		80
CHUAN HUP	91	90	N L IND	167	159	NCB HDLGS		385
CI HDLGS	92		HARTINAW	95	95	NETAL BOX	406	416
CK TANG	360	370	NAI PAR	320	316	NETRO	740	730
CK TANG R	376	375	HEIDZA	75	75	MULPHAD	30.5	30
D			HUNE IND		162	MURATA		60
DAYUNG	76.5		IND WOOD	93.5	91.5	MURATATO		100
DATAP	49	49	INT MOOD		76	HYCON HDG		240
DCH			INTRACO	245	245	INSTR PR	CL	
DUTCHBARY	-----	29	645	660	60	N TINDER	88	92
ELCO MAGN	150	145	JACKS LTD	138	142	QAF LIMIT	21.5	29.5
ESSE ORG	358	354	JORIAN HDG	44	42.5	S DABST	254	295
EU YAN S	208	K	G HDLGS	125	S	FOODER		45
EVERPEACE	-----	100	K KELLAS	220	S	SHIP	281	283
F A C B	28	32	KARUNTING		100	S'UANG N	192	187
F B SHIP	205	199	KARUNTA N	74.5	75	S'AMADA		118
FINA ORD	840	840	KE SAING		120	SAN HDLGS	-----	442
FEB CABLE	-----	67	KECK KENG		173	SANYO		110
FED FLOUR	560		KENTUCKY	220	220	SATERAS	54	54
FIMA HDG	248		KEPPEL	254	251	SHELL ORD	470	470
FUTTEK	656	K	KS FLOUR		210	SIR LIM	68	64
G KENT	72		KIAN JOO		141	T GEN PRF		

Gold gains

Dollar steadies, shares turn mixed

LONDON, Aug. 30. (Reuters): The dollar was steady but world share markets lacked direction in thin business today with investors worried that interest rates might go higher.

Concern about inflation led six European central banks to raise interest rates last week and some analysts say the US Federal Reserve might have to raise its discount rate again soon.

The dollar traded in a narrow range in Europe, closing in London at 1.8680 West German marks and 134.45 Japanese yen compared with 1.8585 and 133.85 at Friday's close.

British financial markets were closed for a bank holiday yesterday when the dollar rebounded somewhat after heavy central bank intervention last week aimed at curbing its recent rise.

Nervous
Investors were nervous about buying dollars and trade was sparse on currency markets, dealers said.

West Germany's Bundesbank intervened today at the midday market fixing in Frankfurt, selling \$7.6 million compared with \$4.9 million yesterday. In Milan, the Bank of Italy sold around \$14.5 million at the fix there.

Currency dealers were starting to focus on monthly US employment figures for August due out on Friday. A strong report could prompt the Fed to tighten credit again, while a less-than-robust one could mean the Fed will pause for now.

US economists expect non-farm payroll jobs to have gone up by 225,000 in August, after a rise

of 283,000 in July. More jobs mean the economy could be overheating and that inflation might be on the rise.

The US government's index of leading economic indicators, a bellwether of future US economic activity, fell 0.8 per cent in July, according to figures released today.

Analysts said the decline indicated efforts by the Federal Reserve to cool economic growth in order to dampen inflation may be working. The statistics, however, were much in line with what the markets had expected.

In New York, the Dow Jones Industrial Average was down 4.09 points at midday to 2,037.34 as investors sold shares to cash in on profits, dealers said. The Dow had risen 24 points yesterday.

French and West German share markets were higher while stocks slipped in Madrid and Milan.

Earlier in Tokyo's Nikkei average gained 132.55 points to 27,511.65.

In London, gold was closed at \$427.75 an ounce, up from a session low of around \$426 but well down from the morning setting of \$429.40. It had closed on Friday at \$431.75.

Performance
In London equity prices stood close to their midday lows in late trading, with an easier opening on Wall Street keeping the market depressed, dealers said.

Sterling's slightly firmer trend had little effect on share market sentiments amid continuing worries over the UK's balance of

payments gap.

"Sterling's performance is bound to effect equities in the near-term but it's going to take a lot more than a small one-day recovery in the currency to life this market out of the doldrums," one equity said. At 1430 GMT the FTSE 100 was 19.2 points lower at 1,751.5 after a low of 1,745.2 at 1018 GMT.

The main feature was again the low volume with only 255 million shares changing hands by 1400 GMT. "With volume this low, the only way the market can go is sideways or down," a trader said. "I can't see any reason why it should pick up unless of course Wall Street stages a surprise rally."

With the bleak outlook on the domestic economy, traders see the New York market having a major influence on British shares for some time to come. However, the US market is not expected to do anything spectacular until the US elections are out of way and US interest rates more closely reflect US economic trends.

Speculation
There is strong speculation that US interest rates are being held down artificially because a rise during an election campaign could be politically damaging for the Republicans, dealers said. A sharp rise in US rates would hurt sentiment on Wall Street and the British stock market, they added.

Although sharply lower, the London market saw little heavy selling today, but stores group Sears was active and shed 7p to 134 as investors sold after the recent speculative gain.

Other consumer stocks suffered with the building materials and leisure sectors falling 2.4 per cent and 1.8 per cent respectively on higher mortgages and fears of lower consumer spending.

Blue Circle shed 11p to 417 and plasterboard maker BPB 12p to 261 while hotel and casino group Ladbroke slipped 13p to 437.

Properties were hit by the almost certain further rise in mortgage rates after last week's one point rise in base rates to 12 per cent. MEPC was 7p lower at 511.

Impact
The latest Confederation of British Industry survey had little impact on the market, although it indicated that Britain was starting to feel the effect of sterling's higher level on overseas sales. It said however, that as far as manufacturing industry is concerned, inflationary fears are exaggerated.

Among big exporters, ICI added 3p to 995 on the back of good demand for its ADSRs in the US yesterday while BAT rallied 4p to 441 amid hopes that its long and expensive battle to gain control of US insurance group Farmers may be nearing an end. The \$5.2 billion bid is now agreed but is still subject to shareholder and regulatory approval.

Trend
National Westminster stood out with a 3p rise to 528 against the general trend. Analysts said the rise mainly reflected a bounce after recent overselling but thought the sector as a whole was in for a quiet time in the foreseeable

future. Midland lost 2p to 395 but Barclays held steady at 395.

Hotel and drinks Grand Metropolitan shed 7p to 493 after raising its stake in bid target Irish Distillers to 6.05 per cent from 5.06 per cent. The Irish industry minister plans to refer the 253 million Irish pound bid to the Irish Fair Trade Commission.

The market is awaiting an announcement from French drinks group Pernod on talks held with Irish Distillers, 3p up at 346, amid speculation that it may emerge as a white knight.

Williams Holdings lost 11p to 272 after announcing a \$34.5 million agreed purchase of Smallbone and despite first-half pre-tax profits towards the higher end of forecasts at \$52.73 million. Smallbone surged 16p to 487.

Today saw the start of the last week of a three-week account and while the FTSE index appears to have found some stability around 1,750, analysts believe it is likely to drift further ahead of British economic statistics for August.

Andrew Smith, economist at brokers CL-Alexanders Laing and Cruickshank, in common with many other market observers reckoned that 1,700 as the next major resistance level for the FTSE 100 index.

The index closed 15.9 points off at 1,754.8 along with the slightly weaker performance on Wall Street. A modest 317 million leading shares were traded today with retail interest minimal.

Cypriots wonder if economic miracle can benefit all

NICOSIA, Aug. 30. (Reuters): South of the Green line dividing Nicosia, glass-sided office towers, shopping centres and apartment blocks are springing up.

On the other side of the United Nations-patrolled buffer zone, the capital is shabbier and visibly less prosperous.

The city reflects the economic Gulf between Turkish-Cypriot North Cyprus and Greek-Cypriot South as the two sides prepare for talks in September on reunifying the Mediterranean island.

Any successful solution seems to hinge on the South's "economic miracle" working its way North.

Income
Economists estimate Turkish-Cypriot per capita income in the breakaway state at about a third of the South's \$6,800.

"Turkish Cypriots have shown good growth rates in the last two years due to favourable external factors. But their market is too small and their economic policies are constraining them," one Greek-Cypriot economist said.

"If the favourable climate is maintained the potential exists for further development. But they are unlikely to close the gap since the South is expanding rapidly," he added.

The Turkish-Cypriot economy, in which the Turkish lira is used, struggles with high inflation imported from Turkey and a shortage of foreign exchange. Turkey keeps it afloat with aid.

Annual inflation in the North is running at around 75 per cent compared with 3.4 per cent in the South, the economist said. He said investments in the North tended to be speculative and not conducive to long-term develop-

ment. Some 200,000 Greek Cypriots fled South in 1974 when the Turkish Army occupied the North after a brief coup in Nicosia promoted by the Greek junta of the day. Foreign experts describe the recovery since then as an economic miracle.

Tourism, the main industry, is booming. The number of long-stay visitors rose to 608,000 in the first half of this year, 17.5 per cent up on the same period in 1987.

In 1983 Turkish Cypriots declared the Turkish republic of Northern Cyprus but only Ankara recognises it.

Talks
In Geneva on Aug 24 Cyprus President George Vassiliou and Turkish-Cypriot leader Rauf Denktaş agreed to start talks on setting up a federal republic.

Under any agreement, each side would run many of its affairs independently and the extent of possible future economic integration is unclear.

Mustafa Akinci, mayor of Nicosia's Turkish sector and leader of the North's opposition Communal Liberation Party, told Reuters: "I see it (economic development) as a necessity to make a federal republic survive. The inequality or the imbalance of both sides will be the main obstacle for the future."

Higher
Vassiliou, a self-made millionaire, says Turkish Cypriots will catch up economically under a federation.

"I can guarantee that in less than five years... the standard of living of the Turkish Cypriots will be several times higher," he told northern reports before leaving for Geneva for his meeting with Denktaş in August.

But some Turkish Cypriots are sceptical.

"Turkey has for years handed out her money and it has not been enough for us. Will his (Vassiliou's) be enough?" one newspaper asked.

Greek-Cypriot economist Costas Apostolides, writing in the Cyprus Mail, called this type of thinking the "aid syndrome". He urged that aid be used to finance productive investments.

The search for profit and higher wages, as well as new economic opportunities after a political solution, would raise Turkish-Cypriot living standards, he added.

Greek Cypriots say they have succeeded despite losing 38 per cent of the island, including the most productive sections.

The Turkish Cypriots, 19 per cent of the total population of almost 700,000, say they have suffered from a lack of diplomatic recognition and an economic embargo promoted by Greek Cypriots.

Policies
Apostolides blamed economic policies more and said there was effectively no ban on trade. He quoted Turkish Cypriots as saying they had trading links with over 60 countries.

He said the arrival in the north of thousands of Turkish settlers from the mainland caused economic problems since they had lower productivity rates.

Ozger Ozgur, leader of the North's main opposition Republican Turkish Party, estimated the number of settlers at between 45,000 and 50,000.

He said recently they were causing problems by changing the demography of the community and upsetting the wage system because they worked for very little.

Subroto holds talks with Khamenei

Peace prospects to strengthen OPEC

NICOSIA, Cyprus, Aug. 30. (AP): OPEC secretary-general Subroto said today that ending the Iran-Iraq war will strengthen the oil organisation, but he gave no clue whether Iran has agreed to let its oil production quota equal to its own.

Iran's official Islamic Republic News Agency, monitored in Nicosia, said Subroto, Indonesia's Former Energy Minister, made the comments after meeting with President Ali Khamenei in Tehran.

Subroto arrived on Monday from Kuwait seeking to persuade Iran to agree to allow Iran an OPEC quota of at least 2.39 million barrels a day.

Output
Iraq has refused to accept a quota of 1.5 million barrels a day, about half its current output, and insists on parity with Iran.

The deadlock, with Iraq pumping an estimated 2.5 million barrels a day to boost its revenues and repair its war-damaged economy, has worsened the problem of over-production by some OPEC member states.

The Middle East Economic Survey, a respected oil industry

weekly published in Nicosia, said on Monday that the output by the 13-member organisation this month was around 20 million barrels a day.

That's about 3.5 million barrels a day over OPEC's overall production quota and was seen as a key factor in depressing world oil prices.

Quota
IRNA quoted Khamenei as saying that OPEC members should strictly adhere to their quotas. But he too made no direct mention of the issue of Iraq's quota.

But he did note that among Iran's prime concerns were OPEC unity and resolving the organisation's problems.

Subroto was expected to fly Baghdad, Iraq's capital, through Kuwait tomorrow.

He had talks on Monday with Iran's Oil Minister, Gholamreza Aqazadeh.

IRNA said Subroto briefed Aqazadeh on his earlier visits to Venezuela, Ecuador, Saudi Arabia, Mexico and Kuwait on the over-production issue. But it gave no details.

OPEC overcame a major

stumbling block to its efforts to impose production discipline earlier this month after Venezuela dropped its veto against giving Iraq a quota equal to Iran's.

Eleven of the OPEC states now agree to that. Iran is now the only holdout.

MEES speculated that Subroto would stress to the Iranians that allowing Iraq quota parity would help brake Baghdad's production, now and in the future.

Export
With the United Nations-sponsored Aug. 20 ceasefire apparently holding, Iraq and Iran have both started repairing oil facilities damaged in the nearly eight years of fighting.

Oil industry sources believe that Iraq will be able to install makeshift oil loading terminals in the northern Gulf within a few months, allowing it to boost its export capacity by one million barrels a day.

Iraq is also expanding its export pipeline network, which would increase its production capacity to more than 3 million barrels a day by the end of the

decade. The Iranians for their part are repairing the heavily bombed Kharg Island terminal, which accounts for 90 per cent of their oil exports.

MEES said Tehran seeks to restore full export capacity there by November.

Iran's Deputy Oil Minister, Khazempour Ardebili said earlier this month that Tehran's long-term target is to boost production to around 4.5 million barrels a day, its pre-war level.

But the survey noted that in the short term, production will likely only increase to around 2.8 million barrels a day.

Ardebili has stressed that Tehran will meantime stick to its OPEC quota and to work within OPEC to halt excess output to support OPEC's benchmark price of \$18 a barrel.

Revenues
During the fighting, both sides needed oil revenues — and high prices — to pay for their war efforts. Now they need them to pay for post-war reconstruction.

Oil prices ended mixed yesterday as participants marked time until they get an indication of

whether Subroto will succeed in efforts to persuade Iraq to accept a limit on its crude oil output.

West Texas Intermediate, the benchmark US crude for immediate delivery, lost 12 cents to \$15.22 in trading on the New York Mercantile Exchange.

In US Gulf coast spot trading, where oil is sold to the highest bidder, West Texas Intermediate gained a nickel to \$15.25 a barrel.

In European spot trading, the UAE's Dubai Light — the key OPEC crude from the Middle East, slipped 5 cents to \$12.80 a barrel. Britain's North Sea Brent, the world's most widely traded crude, was unchanged at \$14.45 a barrel.

Sidelines
Bill Hinton, of Balfour MacLaine Inc. in New York, said many traders had moved to the sidelines until they get some idea whether Iran and Iraq, whose eight-year war has subsided into a weeklong ceasefire, will accept production curbs.

"The market is in a waiting vein, rather than taking any position one way or the other," Hinton said. "It's just waiting for news."

Egypt, Jordan discuss plan to connect power grids

CAIRO, Aug. 30. (Reuters): Egypt and Jordan today discussed plans for a \$150-million project to link their power grids, Egyptian Electricity Minister Maher Abaza said.

After meeting Jordanian Minister of Energy and Mineral Resources Hisham Al Khatib, Abaza said:

"This is the first stage. The second stage is to connect Jordan to Syria and Syria to Turkey," Abaza told Reuters in a telephone interview. "In this case, Egypt would be connected to Europe."

Needs
The system would allow countries to save money by directly buying and selling spare electricity instead of depending on costly standby power stations to meet energy needs during peak hours, Abaza said.

Abaza envisaged the entire scheme taking five to 10 years. He said Jordan was undertaking contacts on the matter with Syria, a bitter political rival of Egypt.

KD deposit rates steady

KUWAITI dinar interbank deposit rates were steady in a very dull market yesterday, with most players reluctant to take out new positions ahead of an issue of government Treasury bills today.

Dealers said banks were waiting to know the results of the tender for 100 million dinars (\$350 million) worth of the 91-day bills. An earlier issue is due to rollover on the same day.

Activity has been minimal in a liquid and well-offered market during the past few days, with no fresh factors to give direction.

Renewed attempt to cure economic ills

Poland pledges to slash inflation by half in '89

WARSAW, Aug. 30. (Reuters): The Polish government pledged today to slash inflation by half next year and to stop raising prices from January 1 in a new bid to cure economic ills behind the country's latest wave of strikes.

Deputy Prime Minister Zdzislaw Sadowski said the government had agreed to draw up a new economic consolidation programme by Nov 15 to boost dwindling supplies in the shops and curb inflation, now running at an annual rate of about 50 per cent.

The government is under pressure to eliminate hardships that helped plunge Poland into its worst wave of unrest since the early 1980s. It faces heavy criticism from Communist leaders who blame it for mishandling crucial economic reforms.

The strikes by workers demanding more pay and recognition of the banned Solidarity Trade Union are sapping the coal-mining industry, Poland's main source of currency needed to pay off its crippling \$38 billion

foreign debt.

"We will quash the inflation process by at least a half compared with 1988," said Sadowski, chairman of the government Economic Planning Commission.

"Everyone feels the price process moving ahead but from Jan 1 there will be no more price jumps," he added.

The promises came on the eve of a special parliamentary committee meeting to examine the government's handling of the economy in recent months.

Sharp price rises introduced with Sadowski's backing last February triggered strikes in April and May and worsening economic conditions helped spark the latest unrest.

Goods
To meet public demand, the government has pledged to pump consumer goods worth an extra 500 billion zlotys (\$1.1 billion) into the market by the end of the year.

However, many Poles are sceptical about government moves to alleviate the crisis.

Despite this, Sadowski says the government will consolidate rather than change its policies.

"At present there is no reason to back away from the road we have mapped out. Market supply decisions have been taken and improved supplies should be felt soon," he said.

He said the government planned to alter the targets of the present annual and five-year plans but gave no further details.

The official PAP news agency says the strikes have so far cost more than \$11 million in lost coal exports.

Sit-ins at 11 coal mines have ended, leaving only one colliery occupied by strikers. But the northern port of Szczecin is closed, sealing the main gateway for coal exports.

Impact
Western diplomats say the unrest has not yet had much effect on the economy and authorities would soften the impact by diverting domestic coal supplies for export.

"The strikes have not yet made a real dent in the economic per-

formance," one diplomat said.

But the diplomats saw nothing radically new in the measures proposed by the government and doubted their effect.

"They've come up with nothing new — it looks like they've run out of ideas and are playing for time," one diplomat said.

The government could expect stinging criticism at the two-day parliamentary committee meeting called to assess its handling of the economy.

Prime Minister Zbigniew Messner has accepted that the government had made organisational errors and tried to achieve too much at one time.

Poliburo member Wladyslaw Baka, the party's economic overlord, indicated the depth of Poles' dissatisfaction in a speech to the Central Committee on Saturday.

Polish political sources see little chance of success for the government's economic policies. They say supplies of goods in the shops could decline and spark more unrest within months.

World-wide boom in non-oil commodities

NEW DELHI, August 30: Non-oil commodities world-wide, including industrial raw materials, witnessed an impressive comeback during 1987-88 as their prices firmed up, according to the Swiss Bank Corporation.

Writing in the bank's bi-monthly journal "prospects," the bank economist, Dalibor Kolcava, said the recent boom in commodities had really been "impressive" and widely unexpected in its buoyancy.

It had led the IMF all-commodities dollar index (excluding fuels and precious metals) to nominal levels not noticeable since 1979-80.

The journal said from January

to December 1987, a 30 per cent gain was posted in the commodities index. Though all commodity groups except beverages experienced some recovery, its extent varied considerably from metals (51 per cent) to agricultural raw materials (42 per cent) to food (20 per cent), it said.

Recovery
The recovery of prices for industrial raw materials reflected mainly the discrepancy between quantitative demand and supply-side developments.

The consumption increased as a result of stronger industrial activity in many western countries. While on the supply side

years compelled considerable restructuring and rationalisation of existing production capacities, the journal said.

As the bank anticipated a global scenario characterised by a slight slowdown in growth for the industrial economies during the second half of this year as well as next year, the journal said that physical demand for industrial raw materials was likely to expand at a significantly lower pace compared to 1987.

The journal that forecast bullish speculation pressing some metal prices to fundamentally unjustified levels would also lose its balance this year and the next. As the current high metal prices

were a strong incentive for producers to expand output and to utilise all mothballed capacities, last year's supply deficits would turn into moderate surpluses in the near future.

As such, prices for industrial raw materials were forecast to come under renewed pressure in the second half of 1988, though for most industrial commodities was weak as the production surpluses would subvert a gradual buildup of the low official inventories, the journal said.

For agricultural commodities and beverages, the journal predicted a firming up of prices in the coming months.

Profits plunge to £22m

Gloomy outlook for Jaguar

LONDON, Aug. 30: Plunging profits at Jaguar, the luxury car-maker, have brought a warning from Sir John Egan, the chairman, that the outlook for the rest of this year and the beginning of next is gloomy, and that profitability for 1988 will be significantly down on 1987.

Pre-tax profits for the six months to June 30 more than halved to £22.5 million, compared with £45.7 million in the first half of last year. Turnover was up 14 per cent, to £555 million, but costs rose faster. The dividend was maintained at 3.7p net.

Results

The group said the weakness of the US dollar was the chief culprit for the poor results, saying that had it not been for adverse exchange rates profits would have been £30 million higher. However, North American sales were also significantly lower than Jaguar had been expecting at the start of the year. Vehicle sales in the US were 9,973 units, a reduction of 9 per cent on last year's first half.

"We will be hard-pressed to



Sir John Egan

match last year's sales of just under 23,000 in North America," Sir John said. "Because of the competition in luxury cars, we cannot put our prices. Our European competitors tried to put up their prices, but they have not stuck, leading to discounting."

"The North American market is still sluggish, and without a

recovery there, there is little potential for the recovery of the group," he added.

Sales outside North America, which accounted for 57 per cent of total volume, were much more buoyant. British sales were up by 29 per cent, and there was a 44 per cent rise in continental Europe. Sir John said that to improve profitability a tough cost cutting programme would be imposed, but added that there would be no redundancies. "When people leave, we will not replace them," he said, "and we will allow natural wastage to lead to improvements in productivity."

The share price remained very weak on Friday, losing 12p to close at 252p, and speculation continued that Jaguar is likely to be bid for when the Government relinquishes its golden share in 1990.

Analysts at Barclays de Zoete Wedd, the broker, said: "The shares are grossly over-valued on the basis of profits to be earned this year and next." Sir John said that he had not received any bid approaches, nor would he welcome any.

WORLD STOCK ROUNDUP

SYDNEY, Aug. 30. (Reuters): The share market turned around from its downward drift to close higher but trading remained thin and choppy. The All Ordinaries index rose 10.0 to 1,579.1.

TOKYO: Prices closed higher with a late afternoon rally bringing the market out of its lull. The Nikkei index rose 132.55 to 27,511.65.

HONG KONG: Prices closed sharply lower after lacklustre

trading. One broker said cut-loss selling by some fund managers pulled the market down. The Hang Seng index shed 25.28 to 2,439.55.

SINGAPORE: The market rebounded in the afternoon to wipe out earlier losses and close marginally higher. The Straits Times industrial index was down by 0.09 at 1,020.1.

BOMBAY: Prices closed mixed after institutional investors

returned to the market and offset early losses.

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Criquelion to sue Bauer for assault

BRUSSELS, Aug. 30. (Reuters): Belgium's Claude Criquelion plans to sue Canadian rider Steve Bauer for assault following an incident which deprived the local favourite of victory in the World Cycling Championships, his lawyer said today.

Criquelion says he was brought down by Bauer 50 metres from the finish of Sunday's professional road race at the championships in Rennes, when he looked the most likely winner.

Italian Maurizio Fondriest won the title after Bauer faded badly in the closing metres.

Lawyer Orphale Crucke told Reuters that Criquelion would lodge a complaint for assault at a court in Oudenaarde, near Ghent, later today.

He said Criquelion had the moral support of the Belgian Cycling Union, which had already asked the International Cycling Union to impose sanctions on Bauer.

The court will investigate the case and decide whether Criquelion can claim damages, Crucke said.

The clash happened as Bauer was leading the final three-man sprint on an uphill stretch towards the finish, ahead of Criquelion, with Fondriest then in a seemingly hopeless position.

Suddenly

As Bauer faded and changed gear Criquelion tried to nip past on the inside. But the Canadian suddenly veered to the right and blocked the Belgian's path with his elbow.

Forced off the road, Criquelion cannoned into a policeman, lost his balance and crashed to the ground.

Bauer then seemed to lose his momentum and hardly reacted when Fondriest shot past and — to his own amazement — won the world title.

Bauer, who is based in Belgium, was later disqualified from second place for dangerous riding. He needed a police escort to lead him away from a booing crowd.

Fondriest was also greeted with jeers and whistles when he donned the "rainbow" jersey as world champion.

Zagar takes BICC past Awami

ZAGAR battled brilliantly for his 90 runs to take BICC to an eight-wicket victory over Awami Cricket Club in a friendly match at the Yarmouk grounds on Friday.

BICC, requiring 136 runs for victory, opened their innings through Mirza and Zagar who put on 103 runs for the first wicket. Zagar hit five sixes and seven fours while Mirza hit three fours in his 23.

After the dismissal of both the openers, Nadeem and Gulshan scored the required to take BICC to an easy victory with nine overs to spare.

Allotted

Earlier on, Awami could only score 135 for the loss of seven wickets in their 25 allotted overs. Imtiaz hit 30 while Sajid and Mustafa scored 23 each. The only other batsmen to reach the double figures were Tariq with 17 and Tahir 12.

For BICC, the spoils were shared by Afzal, Gulshan and Nadeem with two wickets each while Amjad got one.

SRI LANKA LOSE BY SEVEN WICKETS

England end Test-win drought at Lord's

LONDON, Aug. 30. (Reuters): England, without a win in 18 Test matches, ended this dismal run at Lord's today but still made heavy weather of beating Sri Lanka by seven wickets.

Chasing 97, England were 73 for no wicket with 37 minutes left of the morning session on the fifth and final day. But they then slipped to 82 for three and at lunch the scores were level. Tim Robinson having failed to score from the last three balls before the interval.

So England had to wait until the afternoon session for the winning run, a cut for four by Robin Smith off Arjuna Ranatunga taking the score to 100 for three.

It was England's first Test win at home for three years and their first at Lord's for five.

The length of time it took England to finish off the Sri Lankans was especially irritating to Graham Gooch and John Emburey, who had also been picked by their counties for four-day championship matches starting today.

Graham Gooch, the England captain, wanted to be on his way to the Oval on the other side of Essex's side for the key game against Surrey. Emburey was destined for Hove to play for Middlesex against Sussex.

Medium-pace Athula Samarasekera interrupted England's progress by having Gooch and Kim Barnett caught behind in the space of three balls. Allan Lamb was then caught at mid-wicket off Arjuna Ran-

atunga with the score on 82. England's last Test victory was against Australia in Melbourne in December 1986. They had not won a home Test since defeating Australia at the Oval in 1985. And their last triumph in at Lord's Test was when they beat New Zealand in 1983.

Medium-fast bowler Phil Newport was nominated by Sri Lankan manager Abu Fuard as England's Man of the Match for his match figures of seven for 164.

England coach Micky Stewart made all-rounder Ravi Ratnayake Sri Lanka's Man of the Match. Ratnayake scored 59 not out and 32 and toiled through 32 overs, taking two for 107, in England's long first innings of 429.

Scoreboard

SRI LANKA first innings 194 (R. Ratnayake 59 not out, B. Kuruppu 46, G. Labrooy 42).
ENGLAND first innings 429 (R. Russell 94, G. Gooch 75, K. Barnett 66, A. Lamb 63, G. Labrooy four for 119).
SRI LANKA second innings 331 (A. Ranatunga 78, A. Samarasekera 57, D. Mendis 56, P. Newport four for 87).

ENGLAND second innings (over-night eight for no wicket).
G. Gooch c Silva b Samarasekera 36
T. Robinson not out 34
K. Barnett c Silva b Samarasekera 0
A. Lamb b De Silva b Ranatunga 8
R. Smith not out 8
Extras (lb-8 w-2 nb-4) 14
Total (for three wickets) 100
Fall of wickets: 1-73 2-73 3-82
Bowling: Labrooy 9-0-24-0, Ratnayake 7-1-16-0, Samarasekera 10-0-38-2, Ranatunga 8-4-14-1.
Result: England won by seven wickets.



Gooch (centre) with Allan Lamb (right) and Prince during the match.

(Reuters wirephoto)

Gooch, who was named as captain for the tour of India, revealed last night that he had to break a contract to play in South Africa so he could accept the England captaincy.

Gooch was due to play for Western Province this winter, and it was only the lure of the England captaincy that persuaded him to be asked to be released.

He said: "My contract with Western Province was binding, but once the tour captaincy was mooted, I established with them that they would release me if I was offered it."

"Once the Oval Test came along and I was given the captaincy because of the injury to Chris Cowdrey, that obviously

changed things."

Gooch added: "Having done the job in that match I thought there was an improvement on previous games and I quite enjoyed doing it. I thought then if I was offered the job again I would give it more consideration than perhaps I would have in the past."

"Peter May (chairman of selectors) offered me the tour captaincy for the first time this morning and I accepted straight away."

Stewart said he had been aware of Gooch's contract with Western Province for several months, and knew he would not be available to tour just as a player.

Gooch said: "If I had not been offered the captaincy I would have had to discuss it with my family again, but that would have been a different kettle of fish. Western Province agreed to release me only in the event of my being appointed tour captain."

Peter Lush, who is to be England tour manager in India, quashed media reports that Gooch and several other England players were planning to play in a single wicket competition in South Africa before the tour got underway.

Meanwhile, Somerset off-spinning all-rounder Vic Marks returns to England's squad after an absence of three years for Sunday's one-day cricket international against Sri Lanka at the Oval.

Marks replaces off-break bowler Emburey, who is unavailable because his county Middlesex are in Saturday's Nat- West Trophy final at Lord's.

Also missing from the England team is Newport, who is in the Worcestershire team for the Trophy final.

Fast-medium bowler Gladstone Small is chosen to replace him and Rob Bailey is added as an extra batsman.

Coe-Elliott duel highlight of Rieti meeting

RIETI, Italy, Aug. 30. (Reuters): A duel over 800 metres between Sebastian Coe and the man preferred for Olympic selection, Peter Elliott, will be the highlight of Rieti's international athletics meeting tomorrow.

The competition, held in the foothills of the Appennines, is dominated by a strong British entry, including former world 1,500 metres record holder Steve Cram and European 5,000 metres champion Jack Buckner.

Coe, 31, controversially excluded from the British Olympic squad after failing over 1,500 metres at the trials, showed a new-found form after several weeks of illness and injury when he ran one minute 43.93 seconds at Koblenz last Sunday.

Determined

Elliott, whom selectors offered Britain's discretionary third Olympic place at 800 metres, has yet to match that this year.

But he has said he is determined to prove the selectors were right, and his silver medal at the Rome World Championships last year showed he has the grit to succeed.

International Olympic Committee (IOC) president Juan Samaranch started a campaign to secure a wild card Olympic entry for Coe so he could defend his twice-won 1,500 metres crown.

But Samaranch abandoned his efforts last week after opposition from other athletes. A disappointed Coe said he would not run for Britain again but would continue to compete on an individual basis.

Cram, one of Britain's brightest gold medal hopes, is due to run both the 800 and 1,500 in Seoul, but has opted for the 1,000 metres at Rieti.

Organisers said he would attempt to break Coe's 1981 world best mark of two minutes 12.18 seconds over the distance.

Rieti has also attracted other fine international athletes, including world record holders Patrick Sjöberg of Sweden in the high jump and American Renaldo Nehemiah in the 110 metres hurdles.

Consistently

Romania's Paula Ivan, who burst on the scene this year with consistently fine performance and the season's best time in the 1,500 metres, tops the women's entry.

Veteran Italian sprinter Pietro Mennea, seeking a place in the squad for his fifth Olympics, will be among several Italians hoping to impress selectors still to decide on the last few places for Seoul.

Mennea, 36, world holder at 200 metres, will run either the 100 or 200 at Rieti, hoping for a fast enough time to secure a place in the Olympic relay squad.

In Philadelphia, Shane Rawley allowed four hits for six innings in his first start since coming off the disabled list and Bob Dernier stole home as the Phillies beat San Francisco, 3-0.

Results

American League	
Chicago	3 Detroit 2
Kansas City	6 Cleveland 3
Toronto	6 Milwaukee 1
Minnesota	3 Texas 2
Seattle	9 New York 6
California	4 Baltimore 2
Oakland	3 Boston 1
National League	
Pittsburgh	8 Cincinnati 1
Los Angeles	2 Montreal 1
New York	6 San Diego 0
Philadelphia	3 St. Francisco 0
St. Louis	3 Atlanta 2
Chicago	2 Houston 1

Marathon swim

TORONTO, Aug. 30. (AP): A 27-year-old swimming instructor waded out of Lake Ontario today, the first person to swim all five Great Lakes.

Canadian marathoner Vicki Keith took just less than 24 hours to make the 31-mile (49 kilometre) crossing — much faster than her original estimate of 36 hours — despite using the difficult butterfly stroke for most of the swim.

Kallicharran thwarts Worcestershire

LONDON, Aug. 30. (Reuters): Former West Indies Test batsman Alvin Kallicharran celebrated his return to English county cricket with an innings of 60 for Warwickshire yesterday which blunted Worcestershire's title challenge.

Kallicharran, playing his first county match since breaking a finger in May, had compiled only 105 runs in his nine previous championship innings this season but frustrated Worcestershire as Kent remained top of the table despite defeat by Sussex.

Needed

Worcestershire collected only seven points from their drawn game at Worcester, just one more than Kent, who were beaten by neighbours Sussex at Maidstone by 63 runs.

Worcestershire needed quick wickets when Warwickshire resumed their second innings at 83 for two with the overall scores level.

But Asif Din (45) and David

Thorne, who hit a championship-best 76, added 105 for the third wicket before Kallicharran contributed his 60 and Warwickshire killed off the game with a token declaration at 318 for seven.

Worcestershire were left to score 236 off 22 overs — an unrealistic target which became impossible when heavy rain washed out further play.

Former England Test batsman Chris Tavare hit 97 in a valiant attempt to give Kent victory over Sussex, though the cause of the county leaders had looked doomed after they lost four wickets for 17 runs on Saturday in their quest to score 311 to win.

Tavare put on 96 with Graham Cowdrey (50) and shared a stand of 80 with Steve Marsh but was finally bowled by Rodney Bunting three runs short of his century, having hit 13 fours in 255 minutes.

Kent were finally out for 247

but, despite defeat, they are still 15 points ahead of Worcestershire. "We had a poor game but we are not disheartened by the defeat. We are still well placed," Kent captain Chris Cowdrey said.

Results

At Neath: Glamorgan v Leicestershire match abandoned. Leicestershire 314 in 121.1 overs. Glamorgan 11 for two, no play today — rain. Glamorgan 1 point Leicestershire 3.

At Maidstone: Sussex beat Kent by 63 runs. Sussex 184 in 76.5 overs and 359. Kent 233 in 88.1 overs and 247 (C. Tavare 97, G. Cowdrey 50, A. Pigott four for 86). Sussex 21 points Kent 6.

At Worcester: Worcestershire v Warwickshire match abandoned — rain. Warwickshire 198 in 86.4 overs and 318 for seven declared (D. Thorne 76, A. Kallicharran 60, Asif Din 45). Worcestershire 281 in 8.13 overs. Worcestershire 7 points Warwickshire 5.

At Taunton: Somerset v Hampshire match abandoned — rain. Hampshire 321 in 110.3 overs and 135 for nine declared (A. Jones four for 77, G. Rose four for 47). Somerset 202 in 90.3 overs and 149 for three (M. Fulton 57). Hampshire 7 points Somerset 5.

At Headingley: Yorkshire v Middlesex match drawn. Yorkshire 463 for three declared in 166 overs and 185 for no wicket Leicestershire 3.

(A. Metcalfe 89 not out, M. Moxon 78 not out). Middlesex 315 for six declared in 99.2 overs and 322 for nine. (W. Slack 83, A. Needham 53, M. Ramprakash 49, M. Gatting 41). Yorkshire and Middlesex 4 points.

At Northampton: Northamptonshire v Derbyshire match drawn. Northamptonshire 193 in 62.1 overs and 362 for nine declared (M. Goukstone 47 not out). Derbyshire 360 in 92.3 overs and 172 for eight (P. Bowler 42). Northamptonshire 5 points Derbyshire 7.

Standings

English County Championship cricket table after matches played yesterday (tabulate — played, won, lost, drawn, batting points, bowling points, total):

Kent	20	9	5	6	50	64	258
Worcestershire	20	8	3	9	48	67	243
Essex	19	7	5	7	51	60	231
Warwickshire	20	6	7	7	44	68	208
Surrey	19	6	4	9	49	62	207
Middlesex	20	7	3	10	43	50	205
Leicestershire	20	6	2	12	49	57	202
Lancashire	20	6	7	7	35	52	201
Nottingham	19	7	7	5	57	64	199
Somerset	20	5	10	42	39	189	
Northants	20	5	6	9	40	65	185
Derbyshire	20	4	2	14	46	52	162
Gloucestershire	19	4	6	9	46	50	160
Yorkshire	19	3	6	10	38	56	142
Sussex	19	3	9	7	30	61	139
Hampshire	19	2	5	12	31	58	121
Glamorgan	19	0	6	13	34	43	77

Sadler sets chess record

LONDON, Aug. 30. (AP): Matthew Sadler, 14, has become the world's youngest male international chess master, according to the British Chess Federation.

Matthew scored 6 1-2 points out of 10 at a Masters tournament in London yesterday to qualify as an international master.

The only younger player in that rank is a girl, 11-year-old Julia Poljaj of Hungary.

Taught

Matthew told the Times of London he began playing chess when he was 8, after seeing a chess set in a toy shop window, and was taught the moves by his grandfather. He now practices four hours a day and said his ambition is to be world champion "as soon as possible."

Charity hit by Foreman fight

FALMER, Alaska, Aug. 30. (AP): Former heavyweight George Foreman may have knocked out Frank "Gator" Williams in Anchorage in May, but the heaviest blow apparently fell on the charity that was supposed to benefit from the boxing match, a newspaper reports.

In a front-page story in its weekend edition, the weekly Frontiersman says missing children of America got stuck with an \$8,000 bill, much of it for satellite time used by a cable television network to broadcast the fight in the United States.

The National Telecast was supposed to be a telethon to raise money for the missing children's organisation, but the producers forgot to broadcast an address for contributions. As a result, Missing Children of

America received only \$739 in contributions.

"The whole thing is weird," said Dolly Whaley, director of the charity. "Somebody wasn't straight from the beginning. It was a badly put-together telethon."

Missing children is the biggest, but not the only, creditor left with bills from the financial fiasco.

Purse

Foreman, the 39-year-old former heavyweight champion trying to make a comeback, left with a \$30,000 purse, but many others involved, including one of the boxers in a preliminary bout, got nothing.

The fight was put together by Joe Capetti, an Anchorage promoter of entertainment and

sporting events. The Frontiersman said despite repeated attempts, Capetti could not be reached for comment. The newspaper said his business associates told reporters Capetti left the state on vacation a couple of months ago and they don't know when or if he will return.

Capetti's attorney, Vincent Utera, said he does not know where Capetti is. But he said \$19,000 collected during the fight will be used eventually to pay the outstanding bills.

When Capetti first suggested using the fight as a fund-raiser for the non-profit children's group, Whaley said she jumped at the opportunity. The charity, which works to reunite children separated from their parents, reportedly is one of Foreman's favourites.

Yang and Han seek World Cup badminton titles



Yang, determined to clinch the crown

BANGKOK, Aug. 30. (Reuters): China's world badminton champions Yang Yang and Han Aiping, both beaten finalists at the Hong Kong Open a week ago, will seek to reassert their authority when the eighth World Cup opens tomorrow.

Yang, whose loss to Indonesia's Icku Sugiarto in Hong Kong was his only defeat this year, is determined to wrest the World Cup crown from fellow Chinese holder Zhao Jianhua, winner of the China Open in Shanghai on Sunday.

Chances

Zhao, a former All-England champion, said after his victory he did not rate highly his chances of winning the World Cup.

Han hopes to take the women's crown from compatriot and four times champion Li Lingwei, who won the women's title in Shanghai.

Icku, former world number one Morten Frost of Denmark and England's Darren Hall and Steve Baddeley will present the main opposition to the two Chinese masters in the 16-s-

Susy Susanti are the top names among the 12 women contenders.

The singles are to be played in four groups, with the winners of each group going through to the semifinals.

The Bangkok tournament has attracted the world champions, all Chinese, in all five events. Li Yongbo and Tian Bingyi head the men's doubles entry of eight teams. Malaysia's Sidek brothers Rafiq and Jalani combine to offer the main challenge together with European contenders Jens Peter Nierhoff and Michael Kjeldsen of Denmark.

In the women's doubles Gillian Clark and Gillian Gowers of England are Europe's hopes for World Cup honours against the world champions Lin Ying and Guan Weizhan.

But Indonesia's Verasaty and Kusumati and South Korean So Young-Chung and Yun Ja-Kim could spring some surprises.

The mixed doubles world champions, heading six teams, were "Angren and Shi Fan-

groupings:

China).

Karun Kasayanpanant (Thailand).

Group B: Morten Frost (Denmark), Eddy Kurniawan (Indonesia), Misbun Sidek (Malaysia), Nick Yates (England).

Group C: Xiong Guobao (China), Sompol Kukasemkij (Thailand), Darren Hall (England), Ib Frederiksen (Denmark).

Group D: Icku Sugiarto (Indonesia), Zhao Jianhua (China), Sung Buo-Park (South Korea), Steve Baddeley (England).

Women:

Group A: Li Lingwei (China), Helen Troke (England), Ladawan Mulsarisathorn (Thailand).

Group B: Huang Hua (China), Kirsten Larsen (Denmark), Koh Mei Hwa (Indonesia).

Group C: Hye Young-Hwang (South Korea), Susy Susanti (Indonesia), Elaine Coene (Netherlands).

Group D: Han Aiping (China), Sumiko Kitada (Japan), Pernille Nedegaard (Denmark).
(In men's and women's semifinals, Group A winners play Group B winners, Group C winners play Group D winners).

Kimball pleads innocent

TAMPA, Florida, Aug. 30. (AP): An Olympic diver pleaded innocent yesterday to charges that he drove a car into a group of teenagers and killed two of them.

A judge ordered him not to drive a car while he awaits trial.

Bruce Kimball, a silver medalist at the 1984 Olympics, faces two counts of drunken-driving manslaughter and three counts of drunken-driving.

Judge Harry Coe allowed Kimball to remain free on \$10,000 bond and said he would not restrict Kimball's travel before his tentative trial date of Nov 14 because he was satisfied the diver posed no risk of flight.

Accident

The judge also said the high-profile case had drawn so much publicity that "the whole country in a sense is watching him."

Kimball, who finished second in the Olympic platform diving competition four years ago, was a favourite to make the 1988 US team before the Aug 14 accident. However, he did not qualify for this year's squad during Olympic trials in Indianapolis earlier this month.

Kimball, 24, said nothing when attorney Frank Quesada entered the plea before Coe. If convicted, Kimball faces up to 45 years in prison.

Co-defence counsel Lee Fugate did not object to the div-



Kimball (left) leaves the court after being

SPORTS BRIEFS

Graham Gooch

LONDON, Aug. 30, (Reuters): Leading English cricket official Alan Smith said today that India should not 'jump the gun' by objecting to the choice of Graham Gooch as captain for the forthcoming winter tour.

Smith pointed out that the International Cricket Conference (ICC) would discuss, at a special meeting in January, ways of dealing with players who maintained links with South Africa, and he said it would be wrong for the Indian authorities to 'jump the gun.'

Scottish TV

LONDON, Aug. 30, (UPI): Scottish television, a commercial broadcast company, has paid \$1 million (\$1.7 million) for the exclusive rights to screen Scottish FA Cup games and Scotland's World Soccer Cup matches.

Clarke sacked

LONDON, Aug. 30, (UPI): Scottish Soccer League First Division club Falkirk sacked manager Dave Clarke yesterday.

Wednesday manager

LONDON, Aug. 30, (UPI): Sheffield Wednesday manager Howard Wilkinson said yesterday he wants to sign Scottish international striker Mo Johnston, who is currently playing in the French Soccer League.

Don Curry

SESTRIERE, Italy, Aug. 30, (UPI): Don Curry appears set to defend his WBC super welterweight title on Dec. 3 against Italian challenger Giovanni de Marco, organisers said.

America's Cup

SAN DIEGO, Aug. 30, (Reuters): Dennis Conner, skipper for the San Diego Yacht Club's defence of the America's Cup, yesterday chose a radical solid wing sail for his catamaran in the best-of-three series against New Zealand set to begin on September 7.

S. Yemen withdraws

ZURICH, Switzerland, Aug. 30, (AP): South Yemen has withdrawn from the qualifying tournament for the 1990 Soccer World Cup in Italy, the sport's international governing body FIFA said today.

Brazilian player

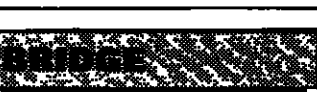
NAPLES, Italy, Aug. 30, (UPI): A case of bronchitis will force Napoli's Brazilian international midfielder to miss the Italian club's UEFA Cup first-round soccer match against Paok Salonica of Greece next Wednesday.

US triumph

BOLOGNA, Italy, Aug. 30, (AP): Robin Ventura went three-for-four including a home run, and Ben McDonald allowed just three hits in seven innings as the United States defeated Taiwan 9-1 last night in the World Baseball Championships.

Boycott threat

STOCKHOLM, Aug. 30, (UPI): A boycott threat forced Swedish soccer coach Ole Nordin to let a handful of professionals play for their league teams three days before the World Cup qualifier against England set for Oct. 19.



RESULTS of the Regency Palace Bridge Club played on Sunday evening:

- N/S
- 1. Khursid Zuberi & Narendra Shah
- 2. Dharma Mukherjee & Stanley Drexler
- 3. Jaya Sapre & Ravi Sapre
- E/W
- 1. Donna Materov & K.T. Simon
- 2. Ezzeldin & Sherin Bayoumi
- 3. M. Abdul Ghani & Maghrib Adams

CARLSSON OVERCOMES ZIVOJINOVIC

Wilander and Sabatini sail through

NEW YORK, Aug. 30, (Reuters): Mats Wilander and Gabriela Sabatini scored straight set victories today to help get the US Open on track after the tournament's rain-marked opening day.

Wilander, the second seed, needed just 20 minutes to complete a 6-2 6-1 6-4 win over American Greg Holmes on a breezy, overcast day at the National Tennis Centre.

Trailed

The Swede, winner of the Australian and French Opens this year, had trailed 1-2 in the third set when the rains came to Louis Armstrong stadium's centre court yesterday.

Sabatini, starting fresh after yesterday's washout, beat her fellow-Argentine Bettina Fulco 6-3 6-0, winning the last nine games of the first-round match.

Day two at the National Tennis Centre promised to be a busy one after only five matches could be completed on Monday.

Other seeds to advance in early action included Andres Gomez of Ecuador and American Mary Jo Fernandez.

Gomez, the 14th seed, beat Spain's Javier Sanchez 6-4 6-4 6-2.

The first seed to fall in the \$4.3 million tournament was Natalia Zvereva of the Soviet Union.

The eighth-seeded Zvereva,



Sabatini: had an easy match

ranked seventh in the world and a finalist at the French Open, fell to American qualifier Kim Steinmetz, ranked 183, 6-4 3-6 6-4.

Johan Carlsson of Sweden scored the first upset on the men's side when he completed a

6-0 6-4 6-4 victory over hard-servicing Slobodan Zivojinovic of Yugoslavia. Carlsson is ranked 238th, while the Yugoslav stands 29th.

Zina Garrison was the only seeded player to beat the rain

yesterday. The 11th-seeded American dashed to a 6-0 6-3 win over Nicole Provis of Australia in 58 minutes.

Yesterday Wilander, who won the first two Grand Slam events of the year, the Australian and French championships, led Holmes by two sets before a halt was called some 90 minutes after the start of the programme.

Hopes of a return to play were raised some two hours later but then the heavens opened again, sending court attendants scurrying back to their equipment hut near court 16.

Among those scheduled to play yesterday were Wimbledon champion Stefan Edberg of Sweden, the third seed, 16th-seeded American John McEnroe and former double Wimbledon champion Boris Becker of West Germany. Their matches were postponed to this evening.

Besides Garrison, the other winners yesterday were American Darren Cahill on the men's side, unseeded Americans Wendy White and Amy Frazier, and Elina Reinach of South Africa among the women.

Cahill beat compatriot Lawson Duncan 6-0 6-0 6-2, White beat South African Dinky van Rensburg 6-3 6-4, Frazier defeated Olga Tsarobopoulou of Greece 6-1 7-6, and Reinach

eliminated Radka Zrubakova of Czechoslovakia 6-1 6-4.

Garrison said she was relieved to have her first match behind her.

"I was really nervous, being in the first match, on the first day," the 24-year-old Texan said. "You don't want to be the first seed to go out."

Results

Mats Wilander (Sweden) beat Greg Holmes (US) 6-2 6-1 6-4
Johan Carlsson (Sweden) beat Slobodan Zivojinovic (Yugoslavia) 6-0 6-4 6-4
Andres Gomez (Ecuador) beat Javier Sanchez (Spain) 6-4 6-2 6-2
Gabriela Sabatini (Argentina) beat Bettina Fulco (Argentina) 6-3 6-0
Mary Jo Fernandez (US) beat Jenny Byrne (Australia) 6-1 6-2
Beverly Bowes (US) beat Akiko Kijimuta (Japan) 6-2 6-3
Terry Phelps (US) beat Carrie Cunningham (US) 3-6 6-1 6-2
Aaron Krickstein (US) beat Michiel Schapers (Netherlands) 7-5 6-3
David Pate (US) beat Eric Jelen (West Germany) 4-6 6-1 6-4
Kim Steinmetz (US) beat Natalia Zvereva (Soviet Union) 4-6 6-3 6-4
Elly Hakami (US) beat Maria Lindstrom (Sweden) 3-6 6-3 6-2
Susan Sloane (US) beat Jo Durie (Britain) 6-3 6-1
Sandra Wasserman (Belgium) beat Sandra Cecchini (Italy) 7-6 (7-1) 6-3.



Wilander (left) and Edberg: seek control

Tennis players threaten revolt to gain control over international circuit

NEW YORK, Aug. 30, (Reuters): Leading men's tennis players are demanding more control over the international circuit, setting up a battle between the Association of Tennis Professionals (ATP) and the Men's Tennis Council (MTC).

The ATP, denied access to US Open facilities at the National Tennis Centre, have called a press conference for today in the tennis centre's car park to air their demands.

Sick

"The weapon we have is we can stick together and speak as one voice," world number two Mats Wilander told Reuters yesterday. "We're a little sick of being pushed around."

A common sense point with many of the top players has been the length of the 12-month circuit and the MTC practice of assigning leading players to compete in certain tournaments.

The MTC makes the rules and regulations for the Grand Prix circuit—the world-wide series of tournaments which include the four Grand Slams—but the players are saying that they want more control.

"The players are the best suited group to control the game," said Bob Green the ATP director of players' services. "We should be the ones to create and enforce the rules."

Wimbledon champion Stefan Edberg of Sweden, world number three, discussed some of his frustrations in the locker room during yesterday's long rain delay.

"We should be in control of our destiny," Edberg said. "We've been told where to go and now we want to decide. My problem has been the scheduling ATP should take control of scheduling."

The ATP has not released proposed changes it presented to the MTC during meetings last weekend in New York, but a statement released here yesterday by chairman of the four Grand Slam events shed some light.

The statement said the ATP wanted to change the composition of the MTC. Currently the council comprises three representatives each from the ATP, the International Tennis Federation (ITF) and tournament directors.

It said the ATP 'demanded' four ATP representatives, three tournament representatives and two independent businessmen. The ITF would be restricted to observer status only.

Structure

The statement, signed by Wimbledon's R E H 'Buzzer' Haddingham, US Open's Gordon Jorgensen, French Open's Philippe Chatrier and Australian Open's Brian Tobin, concluded: "If the present structure of the Men's Tennis Council is no longer acceptable to ATP's management, then the undersigned representatives will ask the International Tennis Federation, the governing body of tennis for the past 75 years, to form a new structure to carry on the world-wide work for the game."

Dittmar edges Maqsood in 1st round

HONG KONG, Aug. 30, (AP): Second-seed Chris Dittmar of Australia beat Pakistan's Maqsood Ahmed 15-4, 15-10, 15-8 today to advance to the second round of the \$38,461 Cathay Pacific Dunlop Hong Kong Squash Open.

Dittmar, ranked 3rd in the world, faces England's Del Harris in the second round. Harris, England's junior world champion, defeated Peter Hill of Singapore 15-10, 15-3, 15-17, 15-12.

Former Hong Kong winner and fourth-seed Rodney Martin of Australia also earned a berth in the second round with a 15-9, 14-15, 15-5, 15-14 win over Finland's Sami Elopuro.

Another Australian winner in the opening round was seventh-seed Ross Thorne who eliminated qualifier Jonas Cornepur of Sweden 15-13, 15-12, 9-15, 15-8.

In another match, Ricki Hill of Australia defeated compatriot Geoff Hunt 15-12, 6-15, 15-9, 15-6.

In other first round play, Tristan Nancarrow of Australia beat compatriot Patrick Coll 15-2, 15-5, 15-7, Chris Robertson of Australia defeated Daniel Meddings of England 15-7, 15-2, 15-9, and Stuart Hallstone of Scotland beat Philip Whitlock of England 5-15, 15-13, 15-13.

Top-seed Jansher Khan of Pakistan, the world's top player, will begin his first round match tomorrow when he faces compatriot Mir Zaman Gul.

England's Gary Lincker, one of the few survivors from last season, is suffering from hepatitis and will miss Barcelona's first challenge this weekend, a Catalan derby against Espanol, who reached the final of the UEFA Cup against all odds in a fairy-tale last season.

Atletico Madrid's flamboyant businessman president, Jesus Gil, also relied on his wallet to try and do better than third place. He signed eight new players, including Brazilians Baltazar Maria de Moraes and Donato Gamas da Silva, and promoted Portuguese Paulo Futre to captain.

Stars

The Spanish Football Federation last week lifted its two foreigners only rule and allowed Spanish clubs a third imported player.

The Basques of Real Sociedad, who took second place last season, will find it difficult to stay in the top group after Barcelona bought their three stars Jose Bakero, Aitor Bengustain and Luis Maria Lopez Rekarte.

Steve Jones turns down Olympic spot

LONDON, Aug. 30, (AP): Former marathon world record-holder Steve Jones turned down a spot on the British Olympic team today, saying he did not feel he could prepare for the event on such short notice.

The 33-year-old Welsh runner had been picked to Sunday to replace Hugh Jones, who had to pull out of the Games because of injury.

The spot, instead, will go to Dave Long, whose best time for the marathon this year is about 2 1/2 minutes faster than Steve Jones.

"The message from Steve is that he is very honoured to be selected, but he... feels that in the time left before Seoul, he would not be in a position to do himself justice," Tony Ward, a spokesman for the British Amateur Athletics Board, said.

'Real syndrome' handicaps Spanish teams

MADRID, Aug. 30, (Reuters): Spanish soccer teams open a new campaign for the League title next weekend already handicapped by an old disease—the Real Madrid syndrome.

The white-clad Madrid players won their third consecutive League championship in royal style last season. But their 11-point winning margin plunged most of their 19 rivals into an acute condition.

Sacked

Desperate to stop Real from winning their 24th title this season, Barcelona and Atletico Madrid sacked most of their losing lineups amidst noisy argument and signed up new coaches and a host of new players.

In quiet contrast, Real Madrid's Dutch coach Leo Beenhakker remained in charge of a virtually untouched team.

His only gamble was to sign West German international midfielder Bernd Schuster who ended his contract with Barcelona after a series of poor seasons and bitter personal arguments.



Real players lift the Cup after winning the title last season.

Beenhakker said Schuster would play up the field alongside strikers Emilio Butragueno and Mexican Hugo Sanchez, who is seeking his fifth consecutive award as top League scorer.

"Schuster can hurt there. He'll be vital," Beenhakker said. Jose Luis Nunez, fighting for survival as president of Barcelona after they finished sixth in

the League, sacked 12 players and went on a record \$18 million shopping spree despite falling club revenues.

Determined to take the Catalans back on top to appease rebellious fans, he signed former Dutch star Johan Cruyff to coach an almost brand-new team including Brazilian defender Aloisio Pires.

Soviets to take on Icelanders

REYKJAVIK, Aug. 30, (Reuters): The Soviet Union, hoping their policy of allowing players to transfer more easily to foreign clubs will improve the national side, may not have reaped the benefit for the World Cup qualifier here tomorrow but are unlikely to need extra help to beat Iceland.

Since the Soviet Union lost 2-0 to the Netherlands in the European championship final in Munich in June, key players Alexander Zavarov and Vagiz Khidiatullin have moved West to join Juventus and Toulouse respectively.

Goalkeeper Rinat Dasayev and Igor Belanov, former European Footballer of the Year, may also be on the move before long.

The match against Iceland, though, should represent no more than a gentle opener as the Soviet side set out on the trail for the 1990 finals in Italy. They are

strongly favoured to win Group Three but could also go through as runners up from a five-team section completed by East Germany, Austria and Turkey.

Iceland have played eight internationals this year, beating the Faroe Islands—hardly a triumph to strike fear in the hearts of the Russians—and losing the other seven. They have lost five and drawn one of their six matches against the Soviet Union in recent years.

Accomplished

But on a good day the Icelanders' determination can worry even the most accomplished team visiting the Laugardal stadium and the Soviet Union were lucky to escape with a 1-1 draw in a European Championship qualifying game in 1986.

And for once Iceland's coach Sigfrid Held, the former West German star striker, has succeeded in fielding his best possible team, an objective often frus-

trated by club commitments.

The Soviet Union's chief coach Valery Lobanovsky, who is undergoing medical treatment for a heart condition, will miss tomorrow's match.

Iceland (from): Bjarni Sigurdsson, Fridrik Fridriksson, Ali Edvaldsson, Gudni Bergsson, Olavur Thordarson, Saevar Jonsson, Vidar Thorkelson, Asgeir Sigurvinsson, Gunnar Gislason, Petur Ormslev, Petur Arnthorsson, Sigurdur Jonsson, Omar Torfason, Arnor Gudjonsson, Sigurdur Greitarson, Gudmundur Torfason.

Soviet Union (from): Viktor Chanov, Rinat Dasayev, Vagiz Khidiatullin, Vladimir Besonov, Oleg Kuznetsov, Anatoly Demyanenko, Andrei Zygmantovich, Gennadiy Litovchenko, Alexei Mikhailichenko, Vasily Rats, Alexander Zavarov, Igor Belanov, Oleg Protasov, Sergei Aleinikov, Sergei Gotsmanov, Sergei Rodionov.

W. Germany start Cup campaign against Finland

HELSINKI, Aug. 30, (Reuters): West Germany, beaten finalists in the last two World Cup soccer tournaments, start their campaign to qualify for Italy in 1990 tomorrow against a Finnish side who see the lack of pressure as their best chance of winning.

Finnish manager Jukka Vakkila said of the opening game in European Group Four: "We have no pressure on us, it is only West Germany who have the pressure. We can lose nothing, we can only win."

Hurdle

Vakkila said his team's confidence had also been raised by two home draws—0-0 against the Soviet Union and 1-1 against Bulgaria—in friendly matches this month.

West German manager Franz Beckenbauer, captain of the team who won the World Cup in 1974, said: "If we can get over this difficult hurdle, we will go far in this World Cup."



Thon (right): may miss the game

West Germany have never failed to reach the World Cup finals and have only ever lost one qualifying match—against Portugal in Stuttgart during the last campaign.

On the other hand, Finland have never reached the final though in the last qualifying competition they did not lose at home in a group which included England, Northern Ireland,

Romania and Turkey. Competition to win the group and take the one sure place in the 1990 finals will be fierce.

The other two teams are the Netherlands, who beat West Germany in the semifinals on their way to winning the European Championship in June, and Wales, who Vakkila says can beat any team in the world at home. But Vakkila believes West Germany will eventually win the group.

Both managers have injury problems. For West Germany striker Juergen Klinsman and midfielder Wolfram Wuttke were injured in weekend League matches and key midfielder Olaf Thon has a thigh injury which may keep him out of the match.

If it did, Cologne's Thomas Haessler would make his first full international appearance.

For Finland, big striker Jari Rantanen, who plays in the English League for Leicester City,

was hurt in the friendly with the Soviet Union on August 17 and is still doubtful.

Kari Ukkonen of Belgian side Anderlecht and Jarmo Alatalo are also not sure to make the side, which Vakkila will not name until tomorrow morning.

Teams

Finland (from): Kari Laukkanen, Olli Huttunen, Erkki Petaja, Jari Europaeus, Esa Pekonen, Jyrki Hannikainen, Aki Lahtinen, Erik Holmgren, Marko Myrny, Jarmo Alatalo, Kari Ukkonen, Ari Hjeltn, Markus Torvall, Mika Anttonen, Mika-Matti Pastelainen, Jari Rantanen, Mika Lipponen, Ismo Lius.

West Germany (probable): Eike Immel, Wolfgang Rolff, Juergen Kohler, Guido Buchwald, Andreas Brehme, Pierre Littbarski, Lothar Matthaus, Olaf Thon (or Thomas Haessler), Armin Goetz, Karlheinz Riedle, Rudi Voeller.



Young women in traditional South Korean costume dance in front of a drum during a dress rehearsal at the Olympic stadium. (Reuters wirephoto)

Advance groups reach Seoul

SEOUL, South Korea, Aug. 20, (AP): With 19 days to go before the opening of the 1988 Summer Olympic Games, about 750 athletes, officials and journalists from 40 nations are already in Seoul, officials said today.

The Seoul Olympic Organising Committee said athletes training in South Korea constitute advance groups from the United States, the Netherlands, Britain, Niger, Ghana and Gabon.

An estimated 12,000 athletes from 161 nations are expected to

take part in the Sept. 17-Oct. 2 Games.

Meanwhile, it was announced today that the programme for the Han River Festival, a 10-hour celebration which coincides with the opening of games, will include 400 ships and a parade of wind-surfers.

Programme

The ships will include replicas of ships found on the river during the Chosun Dynasty. The programme also includes 10 hang gliders and windsurfers.

Spectators at the opening ceremonies of the Games will see the start of the Han River Festival on large screens inside Olympic stadium. The Han River runs alongside the stadium.

Organisers decided to expand the Han River celebration in order to allow more people to participate in the opening of the Olympic Games. About 100,000 people are expected to attend the river festival and 80,000 are expected to be at Olympic stadium.